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BRITISH CABINET COUNCIL GERMAN MEMORANDUM DISCUSSED FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION IN PARLIAMENTARY CIRCLES

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

London, To-day.

Although the British Press shows itself somewhat disappointed by the provisional character of the German note, which was handed in by the Ambassador-at-Large, Herr von Ribbentrop, yesterday, the impression in Parliamentary circles is stated to be quite favourable, since no one had expected the German Government to be in a position to formulate its counter-proposals at a few days' notice.

The fact that the Reich intends to submit new proposals is welcomed as a good omen, since political circles here had not dared to hope for anything more at this stage of the negotiations, and since it is generally anticipated that the German counter-proposals will at least offer the opportunity to keep the negotiations going.

Herr von Ribbentrop had a long conversation with Mr. Anthony Eden yesterday afternoon, the British Foreign Secretary having earlier in the day conferred with M. Paul-Boncour, who subsequently returned to Paris.

LADY CALDECOTT TO BE OPERATED ON

Arrangements For Departure
Altered At Short Notice

The previous arrangements for the arrival in Hong Kong of Lady Caldecott, the wife of His Excellency the Governor, have had to be altered at short notice, as Her Ladyship is to be operated on for appendicitis to-morrow, according to advice received by His Excellency.

It is hoped that Lady Caldecott will be able to leave England by the P. and O. liner Corfu, which is due in Hong Kong on June 10.

SOUTH AFRICA'S BUDGET

Favourable Position
Disclosed

SALARY CUTS TO BE RESTORED

Cape Town, To-day.

An important revision in the incidence of the gold-mining tax and the repayment of the two London loans are the outstanding features of the favourable budget introduced by the Minister of Finance, Mr. H. C. Havenga, at the Union Assembly.

The new gold-mining tax will replace the present triple scheme and be levied on the taxable income of the mine, as determined for income-tax purposes. Some £18,500,000 of the loans domiciled in London will be repaid in the course of the next six months, the necessary funds for this purpose being obtained from the issue of local loans, thereby affording an outlet for the Union's surplus money. The Union's external debt will be £104,000,000, which is £2,000,000 less than when the Union was established.

The surplus for 1935-36 was £3,000,000. The surplus for the coming year is estimated at £1,850,000, after providing for expenditure amounting to £36,500,000. This will be devoted to the restoration of the Government allowances and salary cuts during the depression and remissions of taxation totalling £550,000, including a reduction of 2d. a pound in the tea duty.—Reuter.

FLIGHT ROUND GERMANY

Two Zeppelins Start
To-day

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The new German Zeppelin LZ 129 will start from Friedrichshafen at five o'clock to-day on the first round-Germany flight, on which it will be escorted by the veteran Graf Zeppelin.

The two airships are expected to arrive between 6 and 8 o'clock in Stuttgart, from where they will proceed to Munich. The trip is expected to last four days and three nights, the zeppelins flying over all the principal cities and towns, leaving a permanent record of their passage by messages dropped by parachute.—Trans-Ocean Service.

U.S. SHOOTING CASE

Mrs. Livermore
Exonerated

Santa Barbara, To-day.

Mrs. Livermore, who was arrested and charged with the attempted murder of her son, following a shooting incident which occurred at a drinking party on November 29, has been exonerated from blame for the wounding of her son. The latter gave evidence to the effect that he was blameworthy for the shooting, which he stated was accidental.—Reuter.



The first official photograph of Baron Tweedsmuir, recently appointed Governor-General of Canada, who, writing under the name of John Buchan, is perhaps the most literary of any who have held the position.

STUDENT RIOTS AT FUHTAN U.

POLICEWOMAN
CAPTURED

HELD AS HOSTAGE BY
STUDENTS

Shanghai, To-day.

It transpires that a policewoman was captured during the riot yesterday morning by students, who refuse to surrender her until their arrested comrades are released. The arrested persons total eight, who are alleged to be Communists. Several policemen were also captured, but later escaped.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Shanghai, Later: Conflicting stories are told of the shooting at Fuhtan yesterday. The authorities allege that a shot was fired by the students, but the latter have denied the possession of arms. One report states that a policeman accidentally discharged a pistol, wounding himself and one other person.

The students state that about 20 of their number, as well as several professors, were injured by batons. One of the eight arrested persons is reported to have been released.

SEARCH FOR ARMS

Later: Carrying a white flag the police entered Fuhtan University this morning and searched the dormitories for arms. They found one bayonet in a scabbard and also picked up three military cartridge cases on the campus. The University is still cordoned by about 500 policemen and police. The captured policewoman was released last night.—Reuter.

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"QUEEN MARY'S" TRIALS

Engine Tests Off
Arran

London, To-day.

The liner Queen Mary carried out engine tests off Arran and returned to her anchorage in the Firth of Clyde last evening after remaining at sea for 11 hours. She sailed early this morning for Southampton, where she is expected to-morrow.—Reuter.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD

New York, To-day.—Jack Kasley, of the University of Michigan, yesterday established a new world swimming mark for the 200 Yards Breast-Stroke, negotiating the distance in 2 mins. 24.1-10 sec., to beat Jean Cartonnnet's mark of 2 mins. 25 sec., recorded in Paris in 1934.—Reuter.

NEW NAVAL TREATY SIGNED

MUCH OF REAL VALUE
PERPETUATED

ITALY MAKES BITTER REFERENCE
TO SANCTIONS

London, To-day.

The Naval Treaty was signed with full ceremony at St. James's Palace yesterday afternoon by Britain, the United States, France, India and the Dominions, except South Africa and the Irish Free State, on the ground that neither possessed navies. The Treaty will remain in force for six years from December 31, 1936.

In addition to the provisions previously mentioned the Treaty reduces aircraft-carriers from 27,000 to 23,000 tons and extends the age-limit of battleships from 20 to 25 years.

Lord Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, hoped that Italy and Japan would be able to adhere later and noted with satisfaction the Japanese assurances that they do not intend to do anything likely to promote a naval race in the future. Lord Monsell regarded it as a good augury that all the Washington Powers, including Japan, would shortly sign a protocol governing the use of submarines in war time.

NAVAL BASES IN FAR EAST

JAPAN ASKS FOR
INFORMATION

London, To-day.

It is officially confirmed that Japan has asked Britain's intentions as regards the fortifications and naval bases in the Far East, with a view to Article 19 of the Washington Treaty not being renewed. Conversations on the matter are going on through diplomatic channels between Japan, Great Britain and the United States. No final reply to Japan has yet been given.—Reuter.

NEW O.C. R.A.F. HONG KONG

Squadron-Leader
Dalzell

It is notified that Wing Commander C. R. Keary, Officer Commander the Royal Air Force, Hong Kong, since November, 1933, will be leaving for the United Kingdom on transfer in the near future.

Squadron Leader W. A. K. Dalzell, who arrived here from Singapore by the s.s. Ranchi on March 5 last, will be his successor.

ASSASSINATION IN IRELAND

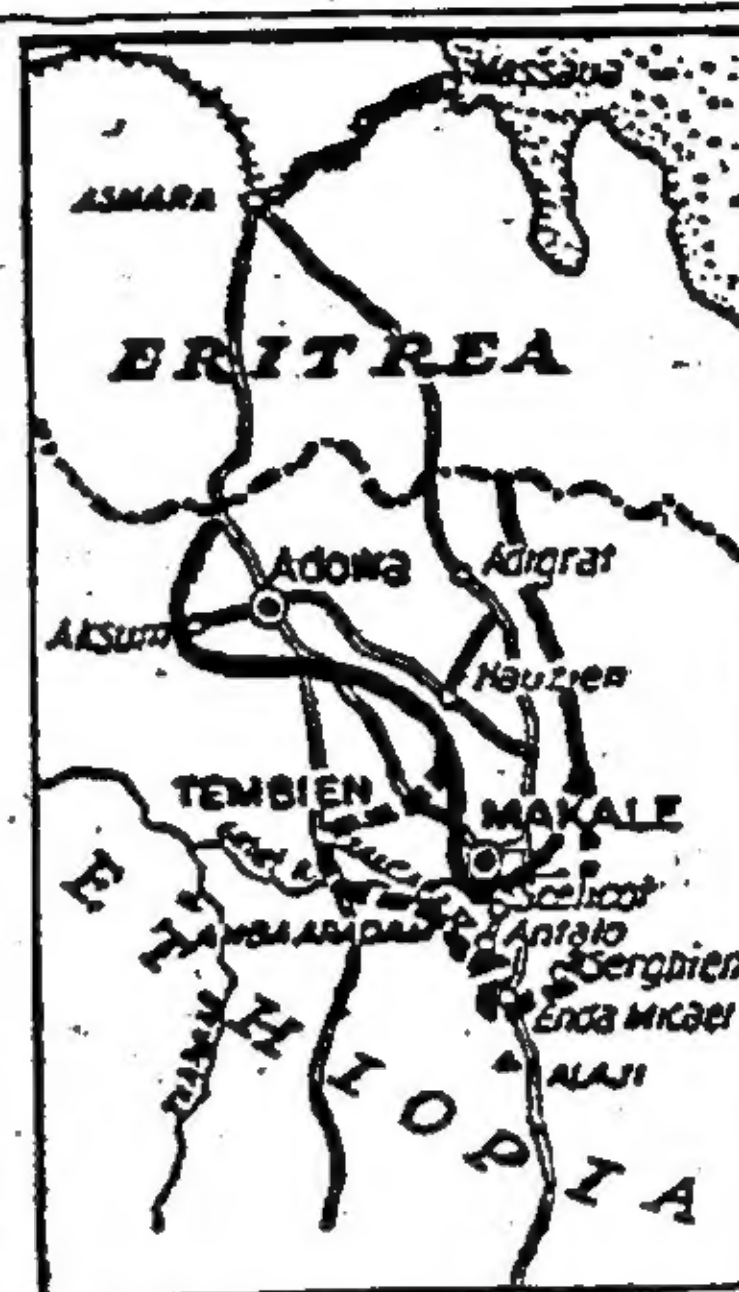
Admiral Somerville's
Death

London, To-day.

Four shots were found lodged in the body of Vice-Admiral H. B. Somerville, who was shot by gunmen in his home in Ireland yesterday when, in the absence of his servants at a village entertainment, he himself opened the door to the assailants. His wife rushed from her sitting-room and found her husband lying on the doorstep.—Reuter.

FLOOD DEATH ROLL IN AMERICA

New York, To-day.—The flood death roll has reached 200.—Reuter.



The solid line indicates the position of the Italian advance before the huge offensive last month in which 5,000 Ethiopians were reported to have been killed. The broken line shows the extent of the advance made by two divisions of Italian white soldiers.

ITALIANS SEIZE CAFTA

"HEARTY WELCOME
FOR TROOPS"

NEW OFFENSIVE ON THE
OGADEN FRONT

—CHINA MAIL— SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

On the Eritrean front one column advanced and occupied Cafta without meeting any resistance worth mentioning, states official war bulletin No. 164, adding that the troops "were given an enthusiastic welcome by the native population, many Abyssinian warriors volunteering for service in the Italian Army."

Reconnaissance flights by planes were continued along the whole front, while a bomb attack was again made on Jijiga, when it is claimed that several military buildings and store depots as well as lorry parks were destroyed. The attack lasted about five hours and no losses were sustained by the Italian Air Force.

SASA BANEH CAPTURED
Asmara: An Italian offensive on the Ogaden front is now in progress, according to reports received here, which add that the town of Sasa Baneh has already been occupied by the Italian army.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ANSWER NOT SATISFACTORY

London: In the House of Commons the Foreign Secretary, in answer to a question, said that while still awaiting the comments of Dr. Melley on the Italian reply to the protest against the bombing of the British Ambulance Unit, he had, on receiving the full text of the Italian note, felt bound to inform the Italian Government that His Majesty's Government were quite unable to regard the Italian answer as in any way satisfactory.—British Wireless Service.

JIJIGA AGAIN BOMBED

Ras Nasibu's Narrow
Escape

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The young general, Ras Nasibu, had a narrow escape when Jijiga was bombed for the fourth time yesterday. A bomb fell on his palace, which was destroyed, but he had left it a few minutes earlier to visit the veteran Turkish adviser Wahib Pasha, who is living in a villa outside the town. As a result of the successive bombings Jijiga lies in ruins.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

30-MINUTE SKIRMISH

FIGHTING WITH
MACHINE-GUNS

Several Casualties
Reported

PROTEST BY SOVIET
AMBASSADOR

Moscow, To-day.

Another Russo-Japanese frontier affray, in which several people were killed, is officially reported from Khabarovsk. Seven Japanese are alleged to have crossed the frontier at Hunchung, the junction of the Russian, Manchukuoan and Korean frontiers, and to have opened fire on a Russian patrol, but after half an hour's skirmish they retreated, leaving one officer and one private dead.

Later 50 or 60 Japanese with machine-guns crossed the frontier, the official statement continues, and fired on a Russian blockhouse. The Russians made a counter-attack and the Japanese, when evening fell, retreated after several casualties had been suffered on both sides.

The Soviet Ambassador at Tokyo has protested, demanding an investigation and the punishment of the guilty persons.—Reuter.

JAPANESE VERSION

Tokyo: A War Office communication states that a party of nine Japanese officers and soldiers, two miles south-east of Hunchung, was fired on at 9 a.m. yesterday by Soviet forces. The Japanese returned the fire in self-defence and fell back 1,000 metres. The Soviet forces continued firing and several Japanese were wounded, including an officer.

Reinforcements of 20 Japanese soldiers reached the scene in the afternoon. The Soviet forces at 4.40 p.m. launched a fresh attack and the Japanese force was again forced to fire. There is no mention of casualties.—Reuter.

CENTRAL CHINA TO-DAY

Sinkiang Dominated
By Soviet

NO OTHER FOREIGNERS
ALLOWED TO ENTER

London, To-day.

"Asia is a land of great contrasts. She is rapidly throwing back the white man and the civilisation he brought," said Miss Ella Maillart, who accompanied Mr. Peter Fleming on his journey last year through North China and Sinkiang to India, lecturing before the Royal Central Asia Society. Lord Allenby was in the chair and a distinguished audience was present.

Miss Maillart said that the Russians were completely dominating Central Asia, with schools, cinemas, radio loud-speakers and medical assistance. They already monopolise nine-tenths of Sinkiang's trade.

The Russians completely dominate the Chinese Government of Sinkiang. No other foreigners are allowed to enter the country. The same applied to Outer Mongolia. Applications for a passport to enter Ulanbator sent to Moscow never return.—Reuter.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
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Canton-Lungchow—
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At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed 1 hour before the above times.

The Money Order Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Saturdays when it closes at 12 noon and on Sundays and holidays when it is entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS:

FROM EUROPE

Hakusan Maru (via Naga-
patan) Mar. 27
Anhui (Imperial Service) Apr. 29
Carthage (via Suez) 1

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30

FROM SHANGHAI

Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Scharnhorst Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 27
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Victoria Mar. 28
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 30
Diomed Apr. 1

FROM JAPAN

Toyama Maru Mar. 27
Montevideo Maru Mar. 27
Gen. Sherman Mar. 27
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Atsuta Maru Mar. 27
Pres. Harrison Mar. 27
Emp. of Canada Mar. 28
Chichibu Maru Mar. 28
Nagato Maru Mar. 30
Pres. Lincoln Mar. 31
Nankin Mar. 31
Hawaii Maru Apr. 3

FROM MANILA

Shantung Mar. 26
Tjisara Mar. 29
Nellore Apr. 4

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Hakusan Maru Mar. 27
Ginyo Maru Mar. 28
Anhui Mar. 31
Shirala Mar. 31
Aeneas Mar. 31

OUTWARD MAILS:
FOR EUROPE

Ajax (via Marseilles) Mar. 25
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Scharnhorst (via Marseilles) Mar. 26
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Fushimi Maru (via Marseilles) Mar. 27
Somali (via Marseilles) Mar. 27
Victoria (via Naples) Mar. 28

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Scharnhorst Mar. 26
Fushimi Maru Mar. 27
Somali Mar. 27
Tahma Mar. 27

Women's Page

LIKE A DAGGER
IN HER BACK

Fixed With Rheumatism

A woman correspondent writes:—
"I was crippled with pains stabbing me like a dagger in the lower part of my back. From there they would go from joint to joint, almost fixing my shoulders so that I could not move my arms up and down for pain. At times I thought I would never rid myself of this terrible agony. I walked the room night after night with no sleep for week after week. I tried lotions of all kinds, but got no relief whatever. Then I tried Kruschen Salts, and started straight away with the wonderful results which I am obtaining at this present moment. I am reaping great benefit from Kruschen. It has put new life in me." (Mrs.) E. P.

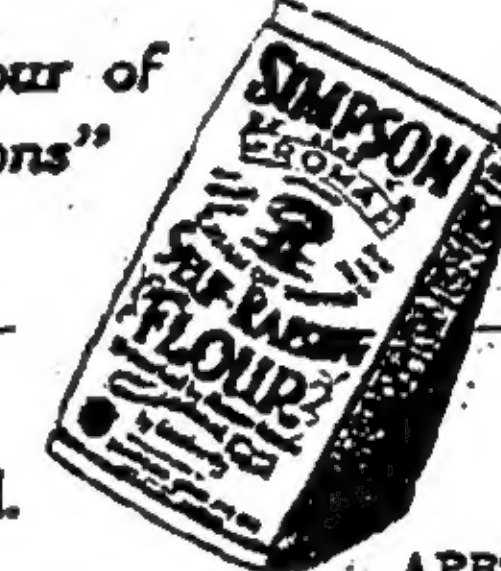
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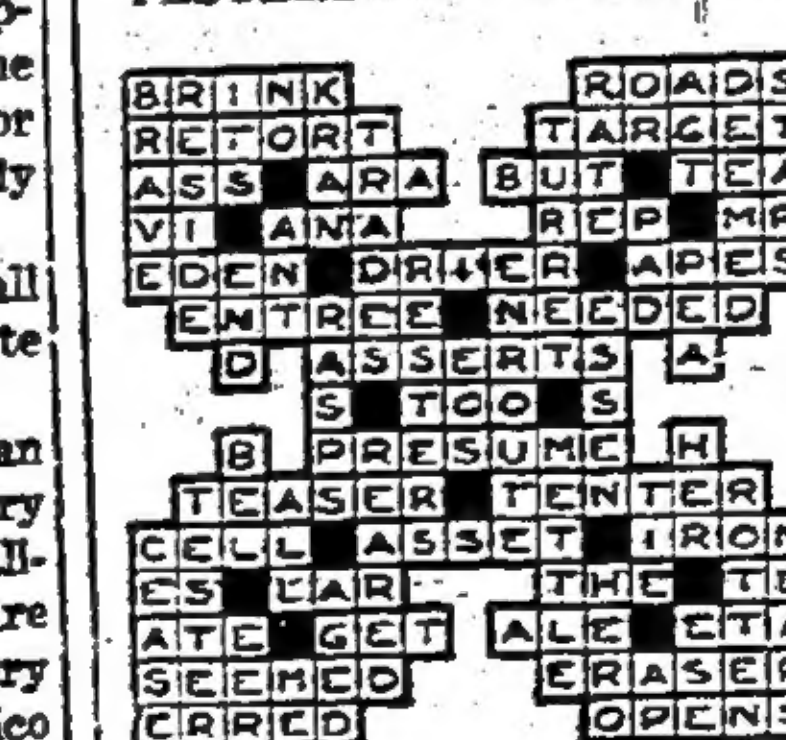
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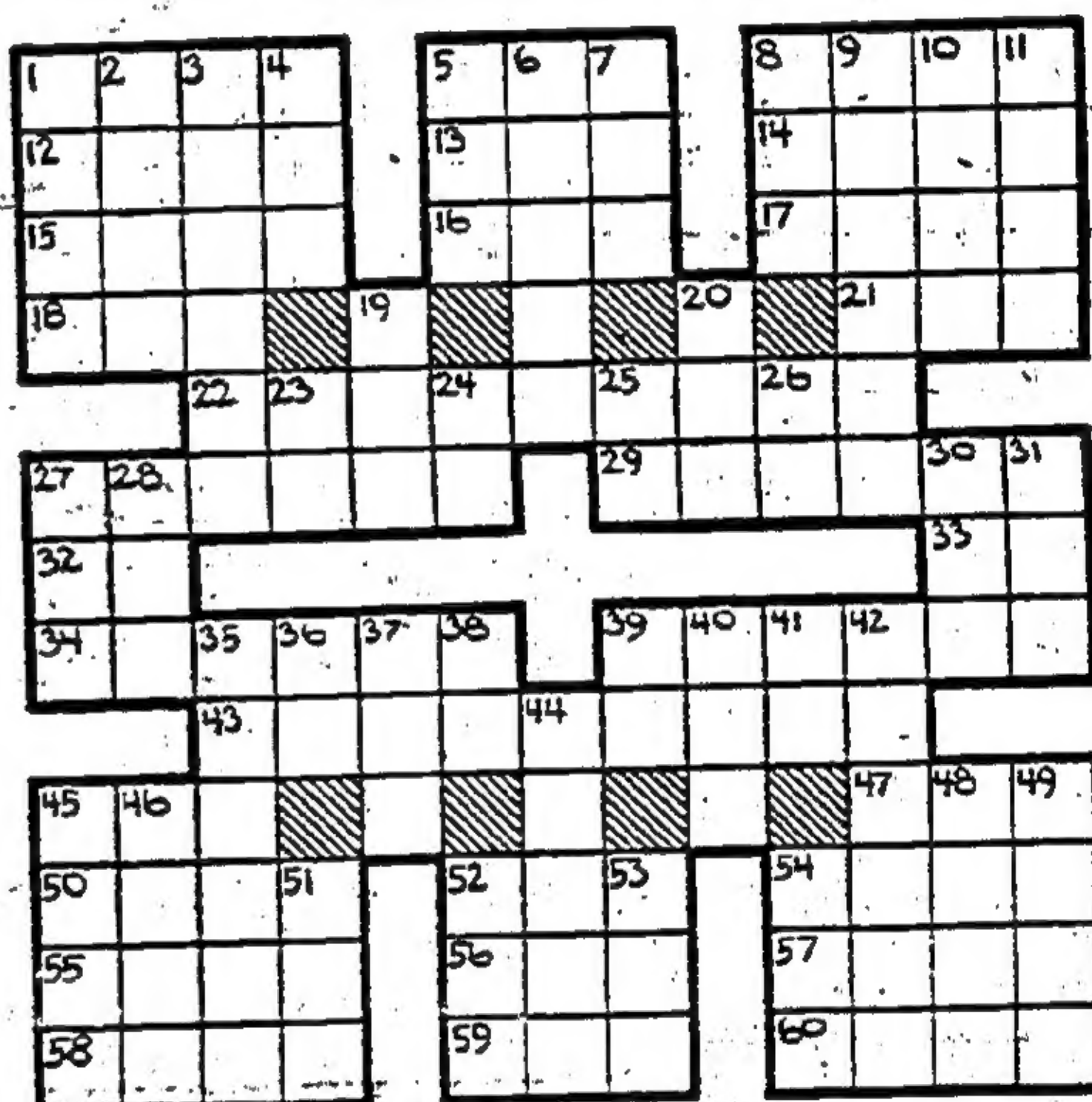
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- Greedy of applause
 - Before
 - Turkish official
 - Girl's name
 - Loiter
 - Scarcely
 - English school
 - Bustle
 - On the summit
 - King (Fr.)
 - Tons (abbr.)
 - Leaguer
 - Shuts
 - Loves
 - Musical note
 - Fifty-one
 - A color
 - Utters
 - Moved from one country to another
 - Incite
 - A bird
 - A thoroughfare
 - Girl's name
 - Large plant
 - Grade
 - Japanese coin
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- Queen of the gods (Gr. Myth.)
 - Female singing voice
 - Province of Philip pine islands
 - Girl's name
 - Note in Guido's scale
 - Plural of radius
 - Self
 - Epoch
 - Trouble
 - A metal
 - Textile fabric (pl.)
 - A point of compass (abbr.)
 - A shell that falls to explode
- VERTICAL**
- Because
 - Steamship (abbr.)
 - Tantalum (abbr.)
 - Act
 - Weep
 - The sheltered side
 - Large deer
 - Slater (short)
 - Envy
 - Long meter (abbr.)
 - Wire gage (abbr.)
 - A continent (abbr.)
 - Pinto (abbr.)
 - Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
 - Worshipped
 - Wanderer
 - Makes a mistake
 - Hollowhorned ruminant
 - Exalted
 - Thin
 - Department (abbr.)
 - Superlative suffix
 - Every
 - Definite article

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 28th March, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.50 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1936.

GENERAL NOTICES

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel Pedder Street, Hong Kong on FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31st 1935; Electing Directors and Auditors; and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.

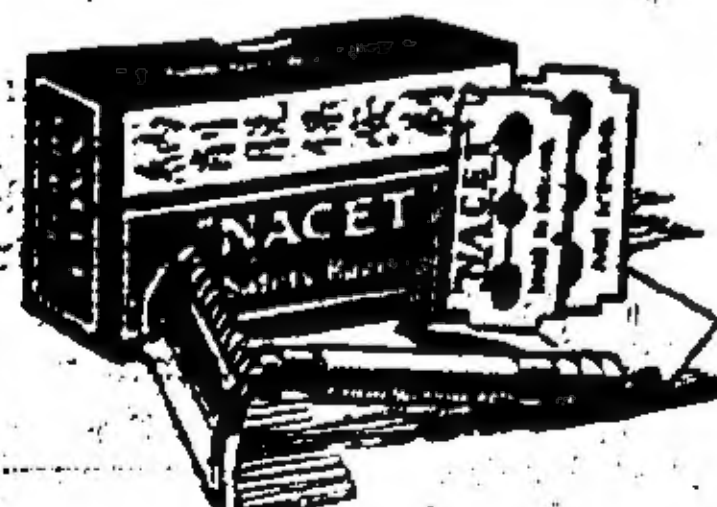
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Company Meetings

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1936.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT & LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock, Noon, to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is Further Hereby Given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED, from the 23rd to the 30th Day of March, 1936, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1936.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.s.).

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5-6 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.
6.30-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra.
7-7.30 p.m.—A Light Concert.
Pianoforte Solo—
Valse Oubliee (Forgotten Waltz) (Liszt)
Vladimir Horowitz.

Songs—
Trump, Trump, Trump along the Highway (Herbert)
I'm falling in love with someone (Herbert)
Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

Song—
The Pipes of Pan ("The Arcadians") (Monckton)
Winnie Melville (Soprano).

Songs—
I met an Angel (Morgan)
Shannon River (Morgan)
John McCormack (Tenor).

Violin Solos—
Allegro (Flocco)
Pale Moon (Indian Love Song) (arr. Kreisler)
Albert Sandier.

Song—
Let me give my happiness to you
Three Wishes
Jessie Matthews (Soprano).

7.30-8 p.m.—From the Studio
A Jazz Banjo and Piano Recital by Fred Carpio and Marcello Andre.

Programme
1. Banjo Solos—
Crackerjack
The block and the Banjo.
2. Piano Solo—
The Music goes Round and Round
3. Banjo Solos—
Hot and Bothered
Hot Picking.
4. Piano Solos—
My Body
Shot the Note.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report: Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.
11 p.m.—Close Down.
8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-8.40 p.m.—Variety.
Songs—
On Treasure Island
Sailing Home with the Tide
Turner Layton.

Band—
One Night in Monte Carlo.
There'll never be another you
Songs—
Many Happy returns of the day
Love is like a Cigarette
Kitty Masters.

Piano Solos—
Two for To-night Medley
Renara.
Vocal—I Heard
St. Louis Blues
The Four Crochets.

8.40-9 p.m.—"Suite Iberia" (Albeniz, arr. Arbos).
9-9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Haverly News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.15-9.30 p.m.—A Recital by Tito Schipa (Tenor).
1. O Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy).
2. Plaisir D'Amour (Martini).
3. Confession—Tango.
4. La Campanella—Tango.

9.30-10 p.m.—Ray Noble and his Orchestra.
10 p.m.—Big Ben: Close Down.

RANSOM FOR MISTAKES

National Defence Questions

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Paris, To-day.

At a banquet celebrating the launching of the cruiser Georges Leygues at St. Nazaire, the War Minister again advocated a stronger national defence. At the present difficult juncture, he declared, one thing made clear was the uselessness of over-hasty disarmament.

The ingenious dream of people who believe in the perfectibility of nations led nowhere, two countries who felt themselves to be the intellectual leaders of the world, France and England, having fallen victims of such illusions. England had now spent about 25 millions in ransom money for her mistakes, while France had subsequently to pay exorbitant sums for foolish economies in the past.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Two cases of cerebro-spinal fever and one case each of diphtheria and enteric fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 24 hours ended on Tuesday.

BRIDGE NOTES MIRACULOUS

By Ely Culbertson

Sometimes according to too much respect to the bidding of one's adversaries sends even the finest players along the wrong defensive trails. The most amusing hands from a standpoint of almost unbelievably bad play are often the contribution of really fine players—players good enough to suspect the opponents of Machiavellian machinations when actually they are just trying to make the best of a bad job of bidding.

To-day's hand is just such an amusingly amazing example. East knew something was very wrong and assumed one of South's bids must have been a phychic. The result, as far as declarer was concerned, appeared little short of miraculous.

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable
S. A Q 3 2
H. A 10 7 5
D. J 6
C. K 8 4

S. 10 9 8 6 4 N. S. 7 5
H. Q J 9 4 W. E. H. K 6 3 2
D. A K 7 S. D. 8 4 2
C. Q C. A 10 9 5

H. 8
D. Q 10 9 5
C. J 7 6 3 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass(1)	1S.	Pass
2D.	Pass	2H.	Pass
2NT(2)	Pass	3NT	Pass

1—A sound pass, although with strength in both majors West might have ventured a shaded opening bid.

2—This was a conscious and generous overbid. Despite South's original pass—his high card weakness and the apparently ill fitting nature of the hands should have dictated merely a preference bid of two spades. However, thereby hangs our tale.

West opened the ten of spades, which declarer won with the King, endeavouring to conceal his second entry in that suit. It appeared that only a miracle would suffice, but miracles have happened, so South led a low diamond to the Jack, which won when West properly ducked. This killed all chances of establishing that suit, so declarer shifted to a club, fortunately electing to lead dummy's King. East won the Ace and South was delighted to note the fall of West's Queen. Although the play of the spade King was a false-card to West, to East it plainly marked South with the Jack as the original lead of the ten had denied that card.

East therefore felt declarer's diamond bid might have been psychic and shifted to that suit. Declarer encouraged this belief by playing the diamond ten, West winning with the King and shifting to a heart. Dummy ducked, East taking with the King and returning another diamond. West won with the Ace and led the Queen of hearts, but declarer now could see nine tricks and opportunity to win a tenth by squeezing West. The Ace of hearts was won in dummy, closed hand re-entered with the Jack of clubs and this card and the two ensuing diamond leads forced West to make three discards. He managed one in hearts and one in spades, but the third necessitated throwing a second spade to avoid setting up dummy's ten of hearts, which card was thereupon discarded from dummy. The Jack of spades was then overtaken by the Queen in dummy, the Ace cashed and the last trick won by the lowly three-spot.

Sounds like a fairy tale, doesn't it—yet four fine players manipulated it just that way in a recent rubber game at Crooklands.

END OF A WAR HOSPITAL

The Duchess of Portland has decided to turn Ellerslie House, Nottingham, which since 1913 has been a home for paralysed sailors and soldiers, into a home for incurables.

A lecture on "Regeneration of Islamic Thought" by Mr. N. E. Soofi A. Ghaffor will be given in the Lodge Room of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Hong Kong Club Annex, 1b, Charter Road, this evening, at 6 o'clock. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

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Sporting Page

MAYFLOWER & YTHAN LOOK GOOD FOR SATURDAY'S RACES



Ed Siegel, a Brooklyn sprinter, just out of high school, is giving the Metcals and Peacocks plenty to think about as he beats them regularly during the winter indoor dashes. He has equalled the indoor 50-yard record of 5.5 secs. and expects great things of him when the outdoor season starts.

H.K. AREA SPORTS MEETING

H.K.S.R.A. SECURE THE LEAD

TO-DAY'S EVENTS TO DECIDE THE CHAMPIONSHIP

An all-round improvement on last year's standard was noticeable at the second day's sport at the annual Hong Kong Area Athletic meeting, held yesterday at Boundary Road, where some keen competition and close finishes were witnessed.

Though the Hong Kong, Singapore Brigade are leading after yesterday's events by a small margin, it is expected that the East Lancs. will seriously challenge them this afternoon, when most of the finals in the track events will be held.

The sports will be concluded to-day after which the prizes will be distributed by Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew, wife of the G.O.C.

The following were yesterday's results:—

Throwing The Discus:—
1. East Lancs.; 2. Rifles; 3. Fusiliers.
(Best individual throw 112 ft. 2 ins. (East Lancs.).)

Putting The Weight:—
1. East Lancs.; 2. H.K.S.R.A.; 3. Rifles.
(Best individual put 37 ft. 0 ins. (East Lancs.).)

Throwing The Hammer:—
1. 2nd East Lancs. Regt.; 2. 1st Royal Ulster Rifles; 3. Hong Kong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.
(Best individual throw 113 ft. 0 ins. (East Lancs.).)

480 Yards Hurdle Relay:—
Heat 1:—
1. Punjabis; 2. Royal Artillery; 3. Rifles. (Time: 1 min. 14 secs.).

Heat 2:—
1. East Lancs.; 2. H.K.S.R.A. One Mile Relay:—
Heat 1:—
H.K.S.R.A.; 2. Rifles; 3. Punjabis. (Time: 3 min. 45 1/5 secs.).

Heat 2:—
1. East Lancs.; 2. Fusiliers. (Time: 3 mins. 44 1/5 secs.).

High Jump:—
1. Rifles; 2. Punjabis; 3. H.K.S.R.A. (Best individual jump 5 ft. 4 ins. (Rifles).)

Second Day's Points Position:
H.K.S.R.A. 50 pts.
Rifles 45 1/2
East Lancs. 44 1/2
Punjabis 42
Fusiliers 36 1/2
Royal Artillery 20 1/2
Small Units 5

Today's Programme
The programme for to-day is as follows:—
One Mile team Race.
Enlisted Boys' Race.
440 Yards Hurdles Relay (Final).
One Mile Relay (Final).
400 Yards Relay (Final).
6. Inter Unit Tug-of-war (Final).

ST. MARY'S AGAIN RUGGER TITLIS

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BRILLIANT PLAY BY LEE WAI-TONG

CLEVER LOBBING WINS DOUBLES MATCH

LEONARD AND HACHIUMA OFTEN OUTPOSITIONED

(By "Base-Line")

A REMARKABLE exhibition of clever lobbing by Lee Wai-tong, the Chinese soccer idol, was responsible for the defeat of J. W. Leonard and Y. Hachiuma in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday.

The Craigengower pair started off very promisingly, taking the first three games before the C.R.C. champions realised the match had started. Then, however, they started lobbing instead of pushing home their early advantage by hard driving. They secured a 5-4 lead, but thereafter they were forced into numerous errors by exceptionally well judged lobbing by Lee and two-handed net play by Luk.

The second set provided an even better display of courtcraft by the C.R.C. pair and there was seldom an opening for Hachiuma to exploit his raking forehand drive. Leonard became very ragged in this set, being obviously rattled as the result of a lot of running around.

Luk, who was completely overshadowed by Lee, was too prone to play safe at the net instead of attempting an outright winner. He lost many valuable points as the result of this fault. His ground shots were never really reliable, but his volleying, and he relied entirely on this, was very sound.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

KONG AND LAI SHOULD WIN

TSUI YAN-PU'S FINE OPPORTUNITY

IS LIKELY TO BE FULLY EXTENDED

(By "BASE-LINE")

F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang sprang a surprise last year when they eliminated Leonard and Hachiuma, but I do not expect an upset from them this afternoon when they meet Paul Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun in the Third Round of the Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship at the H.K.C.C.

Kong and Lai have had a great deal of match play experience and their superior courtcraft is likely to be their main asset against very steady opposition.

Tsui Yan-pui will have to be at his best if he is going to beat Lu Tak-cheuk, the tall C.R.C. left-hander. I am inclined to favour the younger Tsui's chances, especially if he can bring off the "drop" shot with any degree of accuracy. In like manner, a base-line game, but once he is made to run about the court he commits numerous blunders. It should be a very close and interesting match, providing young Tsui plays up to his best form.

The following is to-day's programme, commencing at 4.45 p.m.:—

OPEN SINGLES (Third Round)
Tsui Yan-pui v. Lu Tak-cheuk.
OPEN DOUBLES (Third Round)
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang v. Paul Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Second Round)
F. A. Redmond v. V. E. Gordon or A. D. Humphreys.

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES (First Round)
G. W. Sewell -15 v. C. C. Stark scr. (Second Round)
E. R. Price scr. v. Lt. Comdr. S. F. Stapleton scr.

Lt. W. A. S. Grant -15.2 or E. H. Williams +3/6 v. L. G. Robertson scr. or W. Wooding +2/6.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES (First Round)
P. Scoones and A. L. Sullivan -15.5 v. L. Forster and L. T. Eide -5/6.

Incidentally, most of the players in this team, which included A. Ward, F. Lee, J. Souza and Suen Kam-suen later found their way to the First Division.

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MEMORABLE RACE

3 Horses Come Down In Lincolnshire

TOM BOWLING DESTROYED

London, To-day.

The Lincolnshire Handicap of 1936 will long be remembered for, halfway through the race, Bow and Arrow fell and brought down the well-backed Tom Bowling and Screamer, causing the jockeys behind to pull up in order to avoid the struggling mass on the ground.

Fortunately, however, only Tom Bowling had to be destroyed. Its jockey, Dines, broke several ribs, while Jones, who was riding Bow and Arrow, sustained a broken collar bone. Hawcroft, who had Screamer as his mount, was more fortunate and escaped with also a shaking.

Needless to say, the debacle affected the result of the race considerably, one of the worst sufferers being Sea Request, who was the favourite at 11 to 2 and who only managed to secure fifth place.

Overcoat, who was fourth last year, won a thrilling race by a head from Mr. Strass Burger's Boethius. Sir Charles Hyde's Mistral was third, one-and-a-half lengths behind.

Overcoat's win was very popular since the horse had been trained locally on the Mablethorpe sands by the South African, Russell. The owner, Mr. H. L. Selby, is also a South African, but due to the heavy local backing, Overcoat only started at 7 1/2 to 1 on the totalisator. — Reuter.

GOLDEN MILLER FAVOURITE

To-morrow's Classic At Aintree

London, To-day.

The latest call-over for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree to-morrow is as follows: Golden Miller 4 to 1, a 9 to 2 and wanted.

Reynolds Town, 7 to 1, t and o. Avenger, 9 to 1, 10 to 1 t. Cast's Iwell 100 to 7, 100 to 6 t. Kern Blade, 100 to 6, t and o. Delancey 20 to 1, 25 to 1 t. Blue Prince, 33 to 1, t and o. Brienz, 33 to 1, t and o. — Reuter.

L.R.C. TENNIS FINAL

Rumjahn and Minu Retain Title

H. D. Rumjahn and A. R. Minu retained their Indian Recreation Club lawn tennis doubles title yesterday when they beat M. O. Hoosen and A. K. Suffiad in the final after dropping the first set, the scores being 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 and 6-1.

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COMPETING IN INTERNATIONAL CUP

JOSEPH PAU KA-PING, the

South China "B" and China goalkeeper, was born in Hong Kong and was educated at St. Joseph's College, where he learned his football.

He did not play in League football till 1926, when he kept goal for St. Joseph's in the Third Division, but previously he was a member of the Blue Crusaders' team, which was composed of schoolboys residing at the Valley, who played friendly games with the East Surrey Regiment, then stationed at Murray Barracks. He played for them at inside-left and later in goal.

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THE GORILLA HAS GOOD CHANCE

STRATHROY FAVOURED TO WIN

NEW CLASSIFICATION LIST WILL MAKE BETTING MORE DIFFICULT

(By "Rapier")

ALL that is needed to ensure the success of the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held next Saturday is for the prevailing fine weather to continue, so that racing fans will be able to enjoy — for the first time this year — being present under conditions far more satisfactory than previous meetings. There is every reason to believe that the track will be on the fast side, and it is confidently expected that good times will be recorded.

The enforced absence of Mr. Y. T. Fung will make the remarkable shortage of jockeys even more acute. This will, however, probably be relieved by the return shortly of Mr. W. H. S. Davis on the course. I believe that Mr. Davis has now recovered from the effects of his unfortunate spill at Kwanti, and racegoers will be glad to see him in the saddle once again. Incidentally, the operation on Mr. L. G. Frost has been very successful, and he will be out of hospital to-morrow.

Racing in some events will be conducted according to the new Classification List, and it will thus be no easy task to nominate the winners in these races.

Colonial Stakes—One Mile

Confined to non-winners of this year's Griffins, this race will be limited to a small field of six ponies. Judging from past performances, Laughing Girl, with the assistance of Mr. Deitz, should not experience any difficulty in winning. Real opposition will probably come from Silversmith (Mr. Pih), and, after his disappointing run last meeting, Amberley, although it may not be well supported, must not be neglected, as Mr. Proulx will have the mount this time. Mr. Black the Hound will be riding Miracle, but it is not expected that they will provide a menace in this race, although the latter is improving. Old Star may be left out.

Rosehill Plate—Six Furlongs
A small field of non-winning Australian ponies of this season will face the starter in this race. Zodiac (Mr. Pih) has been tipped to win so often that one is inclined not to nominate him again. However, the distance ought to be just nice, and, with a fiery track, I think he will win easily. Brutus (Mr. Proulx) has been making rapid improvement and ought to be a source of danger. Mr. Deitz will ride Honey, and may cause an upset if able to keep up with the fast pace. Ranger (Mr. Black) is another good one to watch, but I rather fancy that this pony likes a longer "race." Gold Dragon, which is now in the experienced hands of Dr. Reidy, will be ridden by Mr. Harris. Mr. Tang Man Wai.

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Gregory Mangin

Gregory Mangin, former Georgetown University captain and indoor tennis champion, has been climbing up the rating ladder in the outdoor ranks. Now, with experience abroad last year, when he beat Bunny Austin at Wimbledon, experts are beginning to see real Davis Cup material in this hard-hitting amateur.

WARWICK SHUTE IN ACTION

Pairs With Father And Wins Two Games

ANOTHER BADMINTON WIN FOR ELIOT HALL "A"

Eliot Hall "A" defeated the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 7 games to 2 in the Men's Doubles Badminton League at the Central Police Station last night.

Instead of his brother Kenneth, Warwick Shute partnered his father, E. L. H. Shute, in their match last night. They were the outstanding pair for the Fire Brigade, winning two games.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (Fire Brigade) 8-2
lost to C. O. Lee and C. S. Heng 8-2
lost to B. K. Chan and S. C. Tye 18-21

Tye 18-21
lost to K. S. Liew and K. Y. Lee 12-21
E. L. Shute and W. Shute (Fire Brigade) 21-10
beat Lee and Heng 21-10
lost to Chan and Tye 0-21
beat Liew and Lee 21-14
W. Staker and G. Williams (Fire Brigade) 16-21
lost to Lee and Heng 16-21
lost to Chan and Tye 0-21
lost to Liew and Lee 2-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. P. A. Pts.
Eliot Hall "A" 19 18 1 119 16 36
Recreation "A" 15 14 1 95 22 28
C. E. C. 13 14 1 47 40 28
Recreation "B" 13 12 1 89 19 24
Eliot Hall "B" 16 11 5 83 43 22
Recreation "C" 14 10 4 69 33 20
Fire Brigade 18 8 10 65 35 16
St. John's 16 7 9 73 30 14
V. B. C. 16 3 13 42 84 6
Kowloon Tong 19 3 16 49 104 6
St. Andrew's "B" 13 2 16 30 97 4
S. and S. Home 17 1 16 30 134 2

LIGHT BLUES TRIUMPH

Overwhelming Win At Golf

Hoylake, To-day.

In the annual inter-Varsity golf match, which concluded yesterday, Cambridge won the singles by 8 matches to 2, thus winning the contest by 12 matches to 3, equalling the record number of wins by Oxford in 1921 and 1930.

For Cambridge the South African Walter Meyer beat Quincy by 10 and 9. He did the first 13 holes in 68, equalling Compton's professional course record. — Reuter.

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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figure in brackets denotes the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division	HOME											AWAY											
	Goals											Goals											
	P	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Sun'land (2) WIDL	34	18	14	2	22	27	20	16	7	5	4	30	23	18	15	48	4	24	34	16	41	24	18
Hed'field (16) dDwW	34	18	14	4	25	10	23	16	6	8	4	24	34	16	41	24	12	17	16	41	24	18	
Dorby (6) WdW	34	18	14	4	34	14	25	16	6	6	8	4	22	17	16	41	24	12	17	16	41	24	
Braham (18) WdW	34	17	8	4	5	31	20	21	16	5	8	5	18	21	15	36	18	21	15	36	18	21	
Stoke (10) DdLwW	34	16	9	5	23	21	20	18	7	7	4	21	25	18	15	36	18	21	15	36	18	21	
Man'ter C. (4) dWwW	34	17	10	4	3	30	10	23	17	4	9	4	21	33	12	35	12	33	12	35	12	35	
Arcenal (1) LdWID	32	16	7	4	5	34	19	19	16	6	6	4	29	19	16	33	12	33	12	35	12	35	
Preston (11) WdLwW	34	17	11	4	3	27	16	23	16	3	10	3	17	28	9	34	16	33	12	35	12	35	
*Bren'd (6) dLdW	34	16	7	5	4	41	21	18	17	5	7	5	23	27	9	34	16	33	12	35	12	35	
Liverpool (14) WdL	34	16	10	3	3	30	19	20	18	3	12	3	17	28	9	34	16	33	12	35	12	35	
Pemworth (7) IWlW	32	20	11	7	2	31	20	24	14	1	7	4	26	30	8	39	8	26	30	8	39	8	
M'rough (20) DdWd	34	17	10	3	2	41	16	22	17	8	3	13	26	10	8	32	16	40	8	32	16	40	
Wolves (17) dWw	33	15	11	2	4	32	26	20	15	3	13	2	16	40	8	32	16	40	8	32	16	40	
Leeds (13) dLdW	32	17	8	5	4	26	27	20	15	8	3	16	20	11	31	16	20	11	31	16	40	8	
Chelsea (12) dLWw	32	17	8	5	4	26	27	20	15	8	3	16	20	11	31	16	20	11	31	16	40	8	
W. Swich (3) dLW	33	18	10	6	2	48	18	24	15	3	11	2	21	39	7	42	18	24	15	3	11	2	
Everton (8) dDdW	34	17	8	3	6	43	26	22	17	1	9	7	24	47	9	31	16	40	8	32	16	40	
Wad'ay (3) DdWdW	32	16	8	3	5	35	22	21	16	3	10	3	21	35	9	34	16	33	12	35	12	35	
*Bolton (4) WdLd	33	17	8	6	3	32	27	19	16	2	7	7	18	42	11	31	16	40	8	32	16	40	
Grimsby (5) IWdDI	33	18	9	6	3	38	18	21	15	3	10	2	16	37	8	32	16	40	8	32	16	40	
Black'n (15) dDdW	34	17	9	4	2	47	19	22	17	1	12	3	17	36	5	42	1						
A. Villa (13) WdWd	34	17	5	7	5	36	39	15	17	5	10	2	28	46	12	27							

Second Division	HOME											AWAY										
	Goals											Goals										
	P	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A
W. Ham (3) WILwW	34	18	12	2	4	37	18	23	16	7	7	2	26	35	16	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
S'field U. (11)	34	18	12	1	4	42	22	26	17	5	7	5	24	27	15	45	4	2	2	2	2	2
*Charlton (3) WdWd	34	17	13	1	4	42	16	31	15	4	7	4	21	28	12	44	4	2	2	2	2	2
Water U. WdW	32	17	11	2	4	41	15	26	15	6	6	3	17	19	15	44	4	2	2	2	2	2
*Team (2) DdLd	33	17	10	2	5	45	23	25	16	5	7	4	21	24	14	33	4	2	2	2	2	2
*L'eter (4) WdWd	33	17	12	1	4	45	16	28	16	4	9	3	22	25	11	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
Plymouth (3) LLwWw	34	17	12	3	2	29	18	26	17	4	8	5	18	22	13	35	4	2	2	2	2	2
Blackpool (5) WdWdW	34	17	11	3	3	50	2	25	17	4	11	2	22	31	10	38	4	2	2	2	2	2
Fulham (7) WdLW	33	16	9	2	5	36	18	23	15	3	7	1	15	27	10	38	4	2	2	2	2	2
*D'caster (2) dDIL	33	19	8	5	4	28	20	24	16	4	11	1	20	22	9	39	4	2	2	2	2	2
Bury (10) WdWdL	32	17	8	3	6	31	20	22	15	3	7	5	25	43	10	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
N'eastle (6) dWdL	31	15	8	1	6	47	24	22	16	3	11	3	26	18	9	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
Notts F. (9) LdWdL	33	18	9	4	5	45	15	27	16	3	11	4	15	31	10	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
Norwich (16) WdWd	32	16	9	2	4	31	17	22	16	3	11	4	15	31	10	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
*Brad'd (15) WdWd	33	18	10	4	4	41	26	24	15	2	10	3	16	27	7	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
S'ampton (18) WdWdW	33	19	9	6	3	41	19	21	16	2	8	6	11	27	10	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
*Team (18) IWdW	34	18	3	7	3	26	19	19	16	3	8	5	23	28	11	3	4	2	2	2	2	2
Burnley (13) IWdL	33	16	9	5	3	29	13	20	17	1	11	5	17	31	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
B'ford C. (20) IWdWd	32	14	7	2	5	30	15	19	18	3	12	3	18	44	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Barnsley (16) WdWdL	34	15	6	6	3	28	32	15	19	3	11	5	24	21	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Port Vale (18) WdWdL	33	16	7	5	4	27	21	18	17	1	12	4	29	60	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hull (13) dWdL	34	17	4	5	4	28	35	10	17	2	12	4	17	47	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Third Division (South)	HOME											AWAY										
	Goals											Goals										
	P	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A
Luton (4) WdWdW	33	16	12	3	1	33	15	25	17	9	3	5	19	25	21	4	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cove'ntry (3) WdWwW	33	17	16	1	0	67	11	32	16	7	10	1	14	30	15	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Reading (2) WwWwW	34	16	14	2	0	46	18	30	15	4	7	4	18	26	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
*S. P.R. (13) dWdWd	33	18	12	2	4	46	18	30	15	4	7	4	18	26	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
*Catal P. (5) IWdL	33	18	11	2	3	47	13	25	17	7	9	1	25	49	15	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Brighton (9) WdLW	34	18	11	4	4	34	20	25	16	5	8	3	20	31	13	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Watford (6) LdWwW	32	17	9	5	3	36	22	21	15	7	5	3	24	15	17	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Torquay (9) dWdWL	34	18	12	3	3	26	24	27	16	2	10	4	22	24	8	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
B'outh (17) WdLW	33	15	7	4	4	29	24	18	18	6	4	8	21	27	16	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
*Notts C. (2) dDdL	33	17	9	4	4	34	42	22	16	4	8	4	14	27	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
*G'ham (20) WdLdL	32	15	7	5	3	23	25	17	17	5	8	4	18	39	14	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
*A'rahoe (18)	32	18	9	4	5	25	15	23	14	3	9	2	18	29	8	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Md'wall (12) LdLwL	32	17	9	3	7	26	20	21	15	4	10	1	20	31	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
B'istol C. (15) WdLwL	32	16	5	5	5	27	22	17	16	5	8	3	16	33	13	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
South'd (21) WdLwL	32	16	5	6	5	28	17	16	16	5	8	3	16	33	13	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Clapton (11) IWdLW	33	16	8	3	3	35	18	18	18	4	11	3	19	33	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cardiff (19) IWdLW	33	16	8	4	4	32	19	22	17	1	12	4	14	37	8	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
N'ton R. (3) LdWL	33	17	9	4	4	32	23	22	16	1	12	4	16	40	4	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bristol R. (16) WdLW	33	18	6	7	5	33	26	17	15	4	9	2	23	26	10	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Swindon (7) dDUL	34	17	5	4	5	29	28	21	17	2	15	2	22	50	6	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Newport-(2) LdLW	33	17	5	9	3	23	33	13	16	4	8	4	23	46	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Exeter (1) dLUL	35	17	6	8	3	36	19	15	18	1	12	5	16	36	7	1	2	2	2	2	2	2

**ARSENAL FIELD
AT HOME**

Pompey Drop Points At Brentford

London, To-day.

Everton caused a sensation in the premier soccer league yesterday when they held Arsenal to a draw at Highbury, sharing two goals, while Brentford beat Pompey at home by a comfortable margin.

An English International trial was held yesterday at Manchester in preparation for the match against Scotland at Wembley on April 4, resulting in a win for the Probables over the Possibles by three clear goals.

Yesterday's soccer results, 35
cabled by Reuter, were:—

ENGLISH TRIAL	
Probables	3 Possibles
FIRST DIVISION	
Brentford	3 Portsmouth
Arsenal	1 Everton
THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Leeds	1 Torquay

Luton 1 10/11/1941

Third Division (North)		P	P	P	P
		17	17	17	17
C'head (10)	wvWWD	32	17	11	2
Tramm's (6)	LWlWV	32	17	10	6
Chester (3)	wvWvW	34	16	10	1
Lincoln (4)	dAWWV	34	16	10	1
Sockport (7)	dWlWD	34	15	10	2
Crowe (15)	WlWdW	34	15	10	2
Hartle's (1)	WlWdW	34	13	10	2
A'gton (18)	lWlWD	34	17	10	5
'Oldham (-)	LwWdW	34	17	10	5
Darlton (5)	wlLdW	34	13	13	1
C'head (19)	wvWlWD	34	19	10	1
Walsall (4)	lWlWV	31	16	11	3
R'ham (9)	lWlWV	33	19	12	5
W'ham (11)	DWlWD	36	20	11	5
Halifax (2)	TWlWD	33	18	13	1
Carlisle (2)	WlWdW	33	15	10	3
W'ham (15)	lWlWV	32	16	11	3
Barrow (17)	lWlWD	32	16	7	5
Rochdale (17)	DWlWl	33	17	6	5
S'throp (21)	lWlWl	34	16	7	4
Mansfield (8)	LlWlW	33	13	8	5
N. B'ham (16)	lWlWl	34	17	6	5

THE GORILLA HAS GOOD CHANCE

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will have control over Violet Queen, and Mr. Poy will ride Blandford.

Mine Bay Handicap—1 Mile

171 Yards
This will be a very interesting race to watch, and the finish will probably provide some excitement. After a long absence, Diana Bay (Mr. Black) will renew acquaintance with the betting public. Cosack's Beauty (Mr. Liang), King's Warden (Mr. Roza) and Soldier of Britain have been allotted top weight. Herod has only 154 lbs to look after, Gladiator 166 lbs and Macaroni 154 lbs. Cyclamen Bay (Mr. Harris) is the "baby" in this race with only 140 lbs. The obvious question is whether King's Warden can give Diana Bay an allowance of 10 lbs. and win? I rather believe that Gladiator (Mr. Deitz), in view of the shorter distance as against a mile and a quarter in the previous race, will be a decided danger. On the other hand, Herod, with a concession in weight, can also win.

Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap—
1 1/4 Miles

To pick the winner of this race will require some hard thinking. Tiny Star (Mr. Harriman) has been allotted top weight, and can be ruled out. Bistre, 165 lbs. who will be ridden by Mr. S. N. Pan, has the best credentials. Taking recent performances as a guide, I nominate Bistre to win, with Racing Boy, who seems to have recaptured some of his past brilliance, running very near it. It will be interesting to see how Rose Evelyn (Mr. Deitz), the 1938 champion sub, will fare against the old ponies. I think she will place. Wadebridge (Mr. Roza) has caused so much disappointment lately that I do not feel justified in recommending him, but if the track is fast he is quite liable to cause an upset. Mr. Pike will again ride Young Chap, and has been given 164 lbs. to carry, which he will not be able to handle.

Commonwealth Handicap— One Mile

This is the first leg of the Daily Double, and will be a race confined to our Novice jockeys. It is understood that Bear Claw will not accept here, and that Bocala Bay (168 lbs.) will be ridden by Mr. Choy Wing-chiu. Other entries will probably include Donovan (Mr. Poy), Flybynight (Mr. Harris), Great Hall, Mayflower (Mr. F. F. Li), Mersey (Mr. Yeung Wing Kwai), Ribble, Royal Highness (Mr. H. V. Pearce), Valorous (Mr. S. L. Yuen), What A Chance, and Zero (Mr. H. A. Browning). Mr. F. F. Li requires one more win to graduate from the Novice class, and I think he has a grand opportunity here with Mayflower. Great Hall should fill second place, and Valorous third. Flybynight, the outsider, and should not be neglected.

Calliope Handicap—One Mile

This race for "A" Class Australian Ponies ought to be very fast and should provide a brilliant finish. Strathroy (Mr. Blacklock) after coming in second in the Champions, has been given to weight with 165 lbs. but will probably start favourite, with Vixen Tor (Mr. Froulx) next in demand. Shooting Star is a powerful pony and may fill the third position. Other entries will include: Racine Heart (Mr. Harris) Rose Arctur (Mr. Deitz), Tinsmith (Mr. Pihl).

21 Taiwan Bay Handicap—6 Furlons

Those who succeed in picking the winner of the first leg will find it difficult to make the right connection in this, the second leg. Foxbridge (Mr. Pih) has since changed ownership, and has been allotted top weight, together with Lemberg, Miracle, Night View and Ythan (Mr. Black). The ponies to watch will be Belmont Star, Glad Eyes, Rousseau (Mr. Deitz) and Ythan. Ythan has not yet won a race, and I think this time, in spite of the heavy burden, he should just about do with Belmont Star and Rousseau, filling the other positions.

Hongham Bay Handicap—1 Mi

171 Yards
After his recent fine run, M. take Bay. (Mr. Black) should well supported, although the D. by winner, Honeymoon Eve, also entered. Rose - Queen (M. Deita) is reported to be very fit the moment King's Lead (M. Roza) may provide a strong challenge, and should not be left out in view of his recent victory with a heavy weight impost. Mr. H. rman will take out King's Justice but with 168 lbs. to carry, I am afraid it will prove a rather severe handicap.

Union Plate—6 Furlongs
The last race of the day will

The last race of the day was confined to subscription griffins for this season, winners barred. T. Gorilla (Mr. Pih) will be running again, and, with a fast track, think he has a good chance of winning. Gold Sovereign (Mr. Roza) is decidedly a fast improver, animal, but the distance does not seem suitable. On the other hand, Cassius (Mr. Deitz) with the light weight of 144 lb. should be very near at the finish and it will not surprise many to see him win. Mr. Liang will ride Ocean View, and for those who prefer to take a long shot, Shark (Mr. P. P. Botelho) may be worth following.

My final selections will appear in Saturday's edition.

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The Wedge

If, as it has so often been stated to be, the principal aim of German diplomacy is to drive a wedge between England and France, it must be admitted that this has been most successfully accomplished by the incidents of the last few weeks. Nothing would be better calculated to show the fundamental difference between the international outlook *vis-à-vis* Germany of the British and French Governments than Herr Hitler's decision to take a decisive step and force the whole issue of the Versailles and Locarno Treaties. We believe that we are interpreting British opinion aright when we say that, while in theory the sanctity of treaties is upheld, there is a sneaking sympathy with the German leader in his unequivocal breach of one of the most important clauses of Versailles. We believe that British public opinion has for years contemplated without enthusiasm the attempt to harness a great nation to a position of actual and metaphorical inferiority; that peaceful revision of the treaties has been recognised as an eventual bound to have come sooner or later; that there has been a certain feeling of impatience in England at the continued postponement of this vital problem for European peace; that there has all along been a realisation that no lasting peace of Europe would be possible without some attempt to meet the legitimate aspirations of the German people half way.

But granting all this the essential problem at the present time is to face certain facts squarely. France is in no mood to condone the deliberate breach of the treaty which has occurred. The thin end of the wedge between the policies of Britain and France is already there; it consists of the two diametrically opposed facts, that while Britain is ready to consider the Locarno Powers' suggestions as a stepping-off place for the further consideration of the problems involved, France considers that they must either be accepted or rejected in their entirety and is not disposed even to consider any suggestions the Germans may now put forward. Both M. Flandin and Herr Hitler are making things infinitely more difficult by their intransigent attitudes; and for Herr Hitler to pronounce, as he is reported elsewhere in this issue to have done, that "We must conquer back what we have lost in recent years," is only adding fuel to an already well-drawn fire. In one hand he holds an olive branch; in the other he brandishes a sabre rattling in its scabbard. M. Flandin's uncompromising attitude, in comparison with this, is severely logical. At least with him the rest of the world—Germany included—knows exactly where it is. With Herr Hitler one has to guess. He talks, and has talked incessantly for the last three years, of peace. But in those years the rest of the world has seen enormous increases in the naval, military and air forces of Germany. Herr Hitler offers in all seriousness to guarantee 25 years of peace by entering into a new Locarno; but he does so within five minutes of crashing through the old Locarno—freely signed, sealed and delivered—with a rip-snorting challenge that will not be stayed. What is the plain man to make of it all?

The thin end of the wedge has already been inserted.

SIR W. SHENTON HONOURED

Lunch By Chamber Of Commerce

EULOGISTIC SPEECHES ON LONG CAREER

The Hon. Sir William Shenton, who is leaving the Colony on retirement on April 4, was entertained to a farewell luncheon yesterday in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel by members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the China Association (Hong Kong Branch). Other guests were: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Andrew Caldecott), Sir Thomas Southern (Governor-designate of Gambia); the Attorney-General (Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.), Sir William Hornell (Vice-Chancellor of the University), Mr. A. S. Campbell (Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Kowloon and District) and Sir William Shenton's unofficial colleagues on the Legislative Council (the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo). Other Unofficial Members of Council were present in the capacity of hosts, viz., the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau. The hosts also included Sir Shouson Chow and Mr. J. Owen Hughes, former members of Council. The Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o and Dr. R. H. Kotewall wrote expressing regret that absence from the Colony prevented their being present as hosts. Sir Robert Ho Tung was similarly prevented by indisposition. The Acting Chief Justice (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) who had accepted an invitation to be present was unable at the last moment to attend on account of indisposition. The Bishop of Victoria was prevented from attending by an engagement in Canton.

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell (Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and China Association) presided, and over 100 members of the two bodies were present.

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EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

The Metre Is The Official Standard Of The U.S.

NEITHER the yard nor the foot is the official legal standard of measure in the United States. By Congressional enactment of 1893 the United States accepted the International Metre as its legal standard. The yard was defined as 3600/3937th of the International Metre. The yard is officially recognised only in its ratio to the metre, but has no direct standing in the American official scheme of measurement. The same applies to the pound, which is recognised only as bearing a certain ratio to the International Kilogramme.

The Chinese Politician Of Boston

WHAT turned out to be quite a spirited campaign was the fight of Chinese laundryman Jerry Yee Woo of Charlestown for Boston City Council seat from Ward 2. Jerry announced his platform—"See nothing, know nothing, hear nothing, and do nothing," and at a meeting of the Yee Woos, he threw his hat in with the other 15 candidates for the council seat. Jerry, not being a registered voter himself, and not having complied with the rules of election, could not have been elected legally, but he actually received 39 votes for the office. His campaign cards read: "Yee Woo for City Council. If you can't give me your vote, give me your laundry."

Your Daily Smile!

"Why did the new women's club break up so soon?"
"The majority voted to have the three oldest women constitute the board!"

"The Waste"
"George Bernard Shaw is a past master at the ready rector. A young woman sitting next to him at dinner remarked: 'What a wonderful thing is youth!'"
"Yes—and what a crime to waste it on children."—C. B. S. replied.

Now presumably it will be subjected to hammer blows. Is another explosion the only way to clear the air?

Here There and Everywhere.

SILHOUETTE FILM TECHNIQUE
An exhibition in the Print Room of the Victoria and Albert Museum last month, arranged by Mr. James Laver, showed how Lotte Reiniger makes her silhouette films.

Where Walt Disney needs about 2,000 drawings per foot of film, and employs a staff of 200 draughtsmen to produce them, Lotte Reiniger cuts out her figures from thick black paper and soft metal sheets so that they have weight and stability, and fasten their joints with wire hinges to make them capable of articulation. The action is worked out in minute detail beforehand in close conjunction with the music, and the settings formed of a number of layers of transparent white paper which create the illusion of depth.

Then, with the camera above the trick table, the figures are slightly altered for each 1-24th of a second of the musical movement, perfect synchronisation being secured.

INDIA'S CRICKET MANAGER

Major J. Britain-Jones, who has been appointed manager of India's cricket team for England, is the present Comptroller of the Viceroy's Household.

He is an officer of the Black Watch, and went out to India with Lord Willingdon. As an athlete he ranks with the best the Army has ever produced, and his physique is superb.

He was the Army heavy-weight boxing champion, a good Rugger player, and is still a plus golfer and a more than useful cricketer, who captains the Viceroy's side.

Lord Willingdon will go home next month, and Major Britain-Jones will therefore be free to take over the management of the Indian side.

MAUNDY THURSDAY GIFTS

King Edward To Carry On Tradition

London, To-day.
H.M. the King will perform the ancient ceremony of distributing gifts to as many deserving old people as the years of his age when he attends the Maundy Thursday Service at Westminster Abbey on April 9. When King George attended the service in person two years ago it was the first time for 200 years that the reigning Monarch had done so—British Wireless Service.

ITALY'S NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

EYE-WITNESS'S SURVEY OF CONDITIONS

GAINS AND DANGERS EXAMINED BY TRAINED OBSERVER

(By Mortimer Durand)

London, February 25.
I HAVE just returned to England after spending four months with the Italians in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

I have marched day-long with bare-foot Askari columns, accompanied the picturesquely armed irregulars of Ras Gugsa's men advancing. I have pitched my tent with Blackshirt divisions, eaten spaghetti off ammunition boxes by moonlight, flown into action with Count Ciano's "La Disperata" squadron, listened while watching glittering Orson march across the sky, to Alpini singing their haunting songs about the flowers and the mountains.

And I bring home a strong feeling of friendship for the Italians personally. Those front line officers, who so often insisted on my eating with them, instead of leaving me to my lonely ration tins, never let me feel any reflection of the political tension between our countries.

Before The Rains

But as far as the campaign on the northern front is concerned, despite the recent Italian offensive resulting in the capture of Amba (Mountain) Aradam and the reported destruction of Ras Mulugeta's army, I feel sure that their advance has been brought to a standstill.

Marshal Badoglio will probably push on down the Buia Valley and occupy Amba Alagi before the rains begin, but I think this will be the last jump forward for a long time.

Advance down the funnel of this valley, while the flanks remain open to guerrilla penetration, seems extremely rash. Apparently the Marshal has read Ethiopian psychology aright, however, and was clever enough to know that his enemies would be so stupid as to offer resistance to his overwhelming strength.

Using his fresh Alpini troops—some of the finest mountain campaign soldiers in the world—and all the resources of the modern warfare, he has crushed the opposing primitively.

organised troops decisively. If the Ethiopians accept pitched battles they are bound to be defeated. They cannot stem the Italian advance. Until this ill-advised battle they have not attempted to do so. The primitive and cowardly natives inhabiting the Tigre made very little attempt to resist their invaders.

Pitiful Weapons

I saw a pile of weapons at Amba Anglier just after they had been captured from the defending Ethiopians. It was a pitiful collection of antiquities, including brass-bound English and French horse-pistols and venerable rifles that looked as if they would be as dangerous to the man who fired them as to his enemy.

When I asked the Italian colonel, who had led his Askaris up the mountainside to the attack, if there had been many casualties, he replied: "There was not time—they simply fired a scattered volley and then threw down their arms and surrendered."

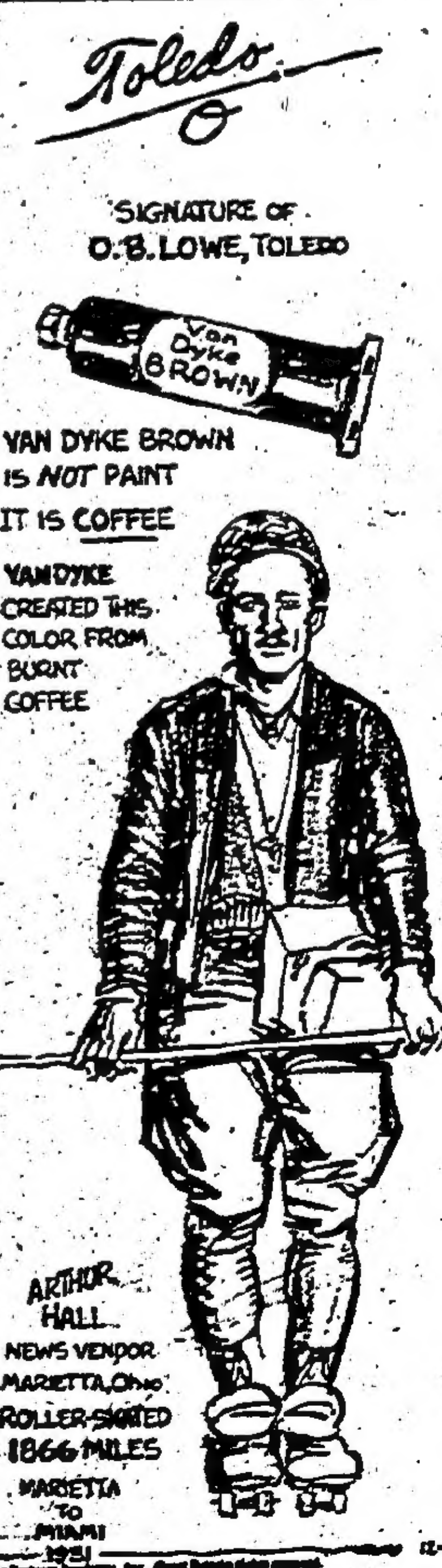
The almost peaceful penetration of the Tigre district must be scored up as a success for the Italian political bureau. As did Napier—in 1868, the Italians bought their way through it, and the only serious fight—the ambushing of Col. Mariotti's Danakil column, just after the occupation of Miskale—was done by Degiac Cassa Sebati's regulars and a small number of irregulars from the Danakil desert, to the west of the Tigre.

Terrain Real Enemy

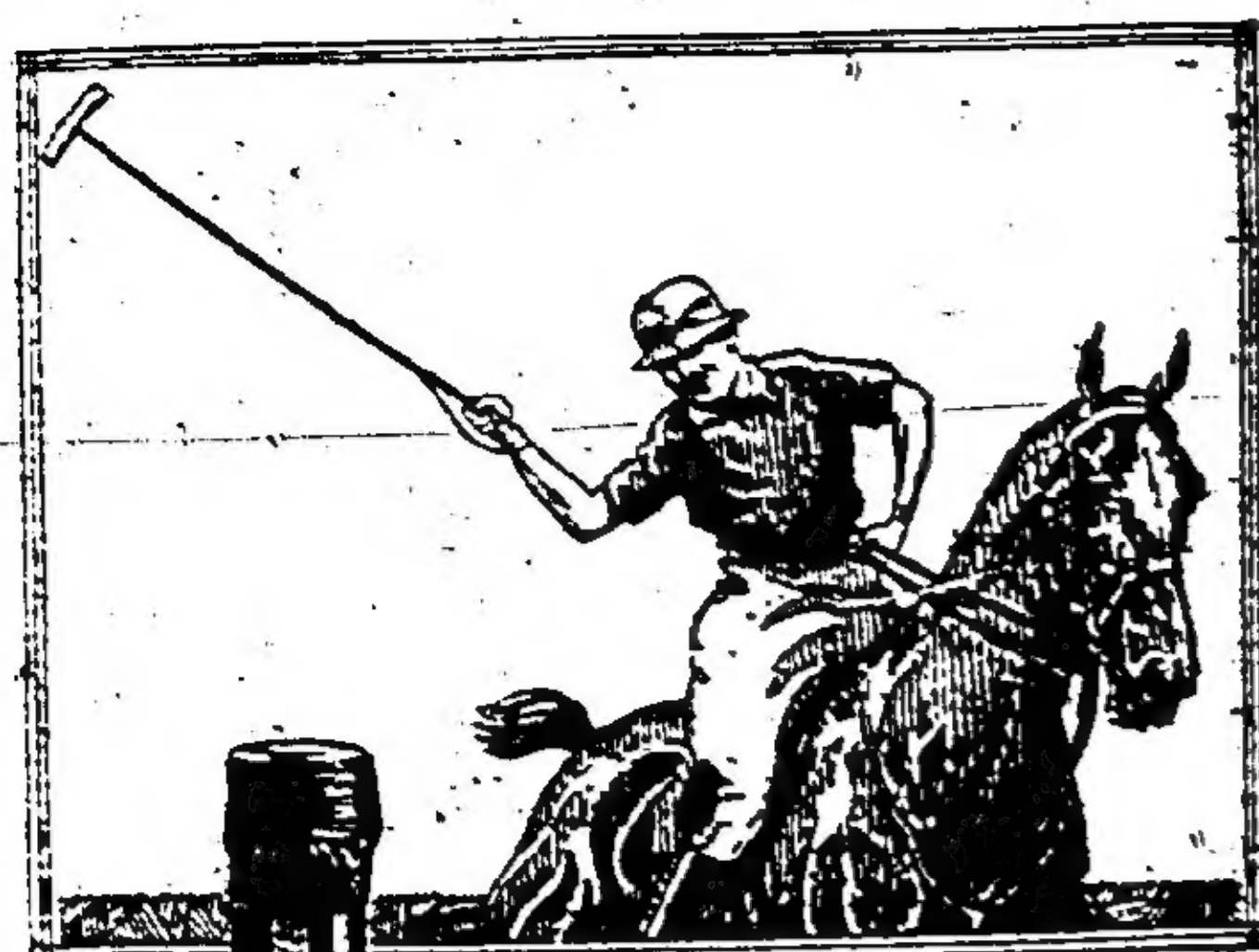
The Italians' real enemy on the northern front is the terrain. The quick-moving, lightly equipped Askaris, with little Abyssinian mountain mules read Ethiopian psychology, can cover the country at a good speed—these wiry, lightly built men are first-class marchers and their bare feet pad tirelessly over the rough goat tracks running steeply up and down the mountainsides. They were amused at the way my nailed boots slipped and clattered on the loose stones.

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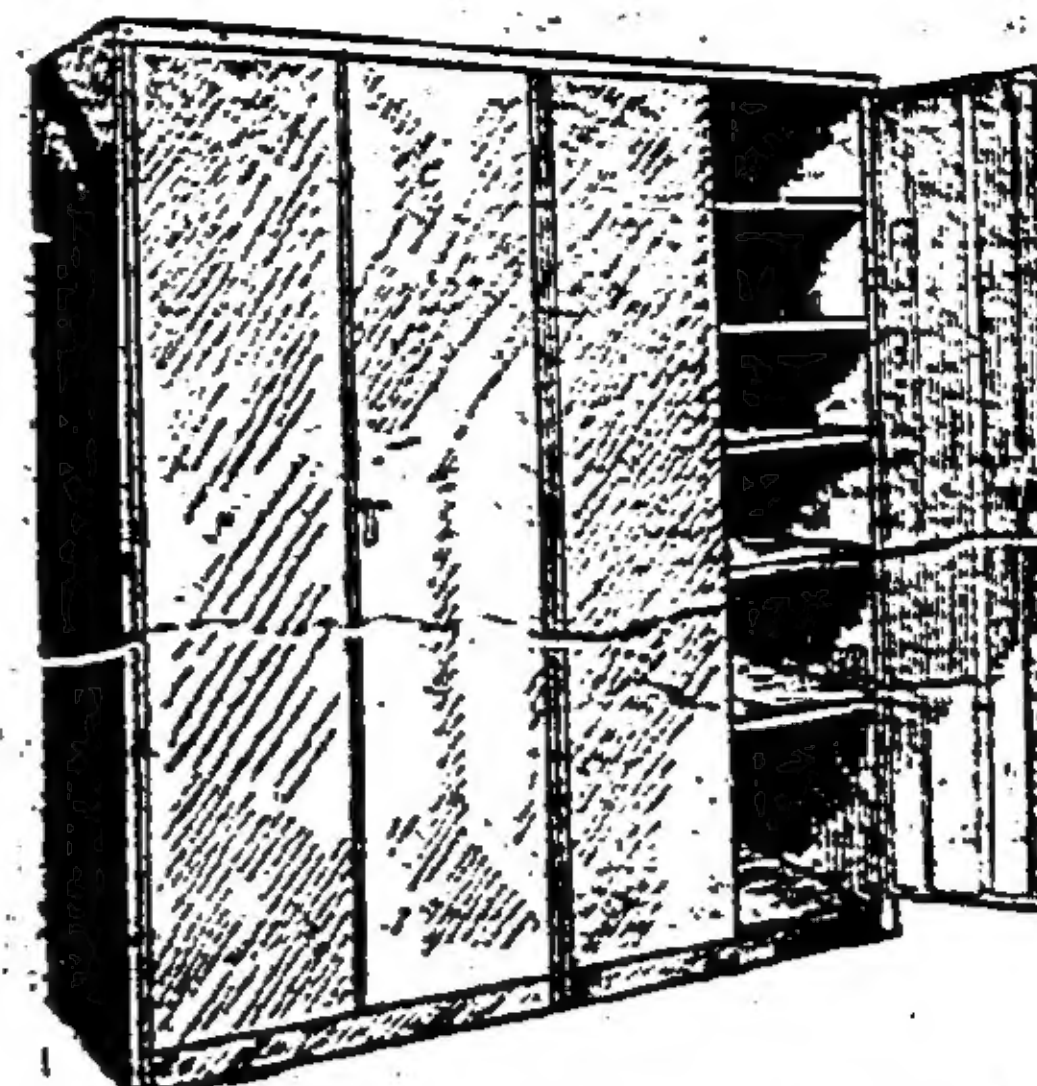
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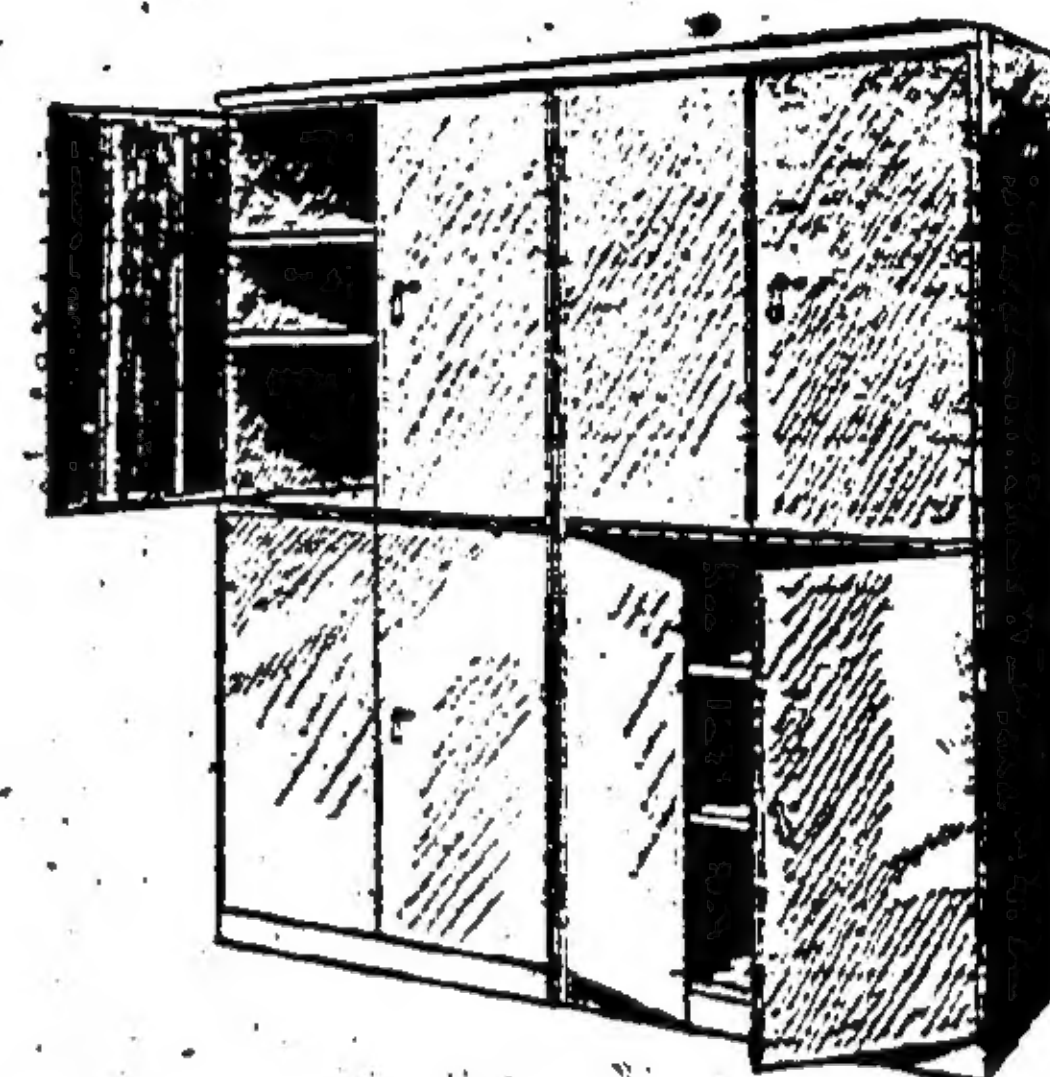
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Berlin, to-day.—The Reichs-
mark was quoted yesterday with-
out guarantee at: New York,
40.40; Paris, 609.5; Amsterdam,
59.18; and London, 12.292. Paris
quoted the Pound sterling at 74.97
to 75.0 and the U.S. dollar at
15.115 to 15.117.—Trans-Ocean
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LOCAL DOLLAR

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Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, open-
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at 1/8 1/2 d.

"Spot" silver advanced 3/4 to

20-3/4 d, while "forward" rose

5/16 to 20 1/4.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$—U.S. \$4.96 1/2,

as compared with \$—U.S. \$4.96 1/2,

while the New York on London

cross-rate was unchanged at \$—

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TAX PROPOSALS
IN AMERICAFull Programme To
Be DiscussedCERTAIN FACTORS
ELIMINATED

Washington, To-day.

The sub-committee of the House

of Representatives on taxation

has suddenly reversed itself by

deciding to keep the processing

and other excise out of the re-
port on the new tax programme,

on which the full committee be-
gins its hearing on Monday.

The Chairman, Mr. Hill, said:

"We have eliminated these factors

entirely because we were never

keen about them and felt we

could set aside a fairly close sum

to the required amount of revenue

from other sources." The com-
mittee also agreed to reduce from

33.5 to 22.5 per cent. the tax rates

on dividends to non-resident-
stock owners.

Besides eliminating the pro-
cessing taxes the House sub-
committee on taxation agreed that

the discussion of the full com-
mittee should be restricted to

three major proposals:

(1) Broadly to revise the cor-
poration taxes, estimated to bring

in \$591,000,000, based on the

amount of the net income held for

the reserve;

(2) Ninety per cent. of the

windfall tax will bring at least

\$100,000,000 to be levied on un-
paid or unrefunded processing

taxes;

(3) The temporary continuation

of the existing capital stock and

the excess profit tax, to yield

\$83,000,000.

The above-mentioned revised

tax on dividends paid to for-
eigners is estimated to produce

\$25,000,000.—Reuter.

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Chartered Bank \$14 1/2 n.

Mercantile Bank A. and R.

\$30 1/2 n.

Mercantile Bank C. \$13 1/2 n.

Bank of East Asia \$73 n.

Insurance

Canton Ins. \$270 n.

Unions Ins. \$555/557 1/2 sa.

China Underwriters \$1 n.

China Fire Ins. \$430 n.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$247 1/2 b, \$245/

50 sa.

International Assoc. \$3 1/2 n.

Shipping

Douglases \$36 n.

H.K. Steamboats \$5 1/2 n.

Indo-China (Pref.) \$30 n.

Indo-China (Def.) \$20 n.

Shells (Bearer) \$9 1/4 n.

Union Waterboats \$13 n.

Mining

Antamoks \$215 b, \$217 sa.

Balatores 2 1/4 n.

Baguio Gold 22 cts. sa. and b.

Benguet Consolidated \$18.40 b.

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Gold River 7 cts. n.

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L.X.L. \$135 b.

Salatores 15 cts. n.

Railan Mining Ad. 11/3 n.

Langkats (Single) \$410 n.

Masbate 67 cts. b.

S'hai Exploration \$4 1/2 n.

Shanghai Loans \$4 1/4 n.

Ranbs \$11 1/4 n.

San Mauricio 92 cts. b.

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cts. sa.

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H.K. and W. Docks \$9 n.

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n.

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Humphreys \$9 1/4 n.

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Chinese Estates \$84 n.

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China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

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Peak Trams (old) \$7 n.

Peak Trams (new) \$3 n.

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C. Lights (old) \$10.60 b, \$10 1/4

sa.

C. Lights (new) \$7.35 b.

H.K. Electric \$53 sa.

Macao Electric \$20 n.

Sandakan Lights \$7 b.

Telephones (old) \$25.15 n.

Telephones (new) \$9 n.

China Buses Sh. \$11 1/4 n.

Singapore Tractions 21/ b.

Singapore Tractions (Pref.) 26/

n.

Industrials

Malabon Sugars \$8.40 n.

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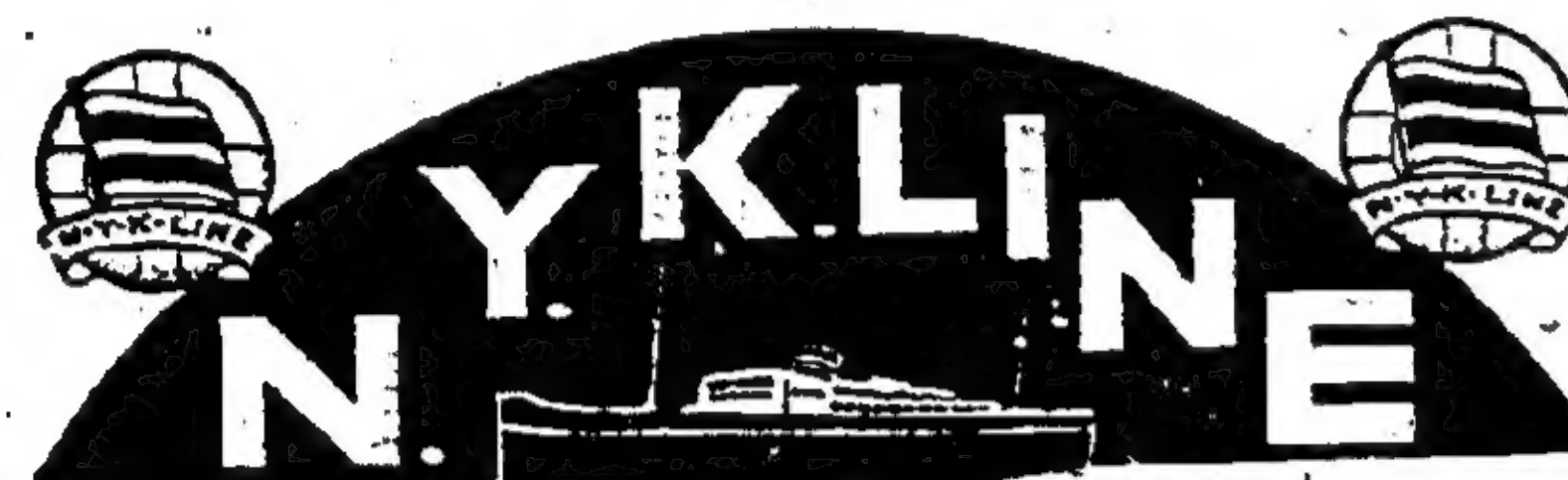
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli, and Rangoon.	Himalaya Maru Hague Maru	Wed., 1st Apr. Mon., 20th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS	Celebes Maru	Tues., 7th Apr.
JAPAN via Takao & Keelung	Panama Maru	Thurs., 9th Apr.
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Chairman's Speech

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To-day's Short Story

Just One Of The Audience

By Keith West

"It is unendurable!" Tsim now so, for a lecture is not written in the time which it takes to boil a hen's egg. I will think of it when I have time."

Tsim Wao, stroking his long beard, was addressing his gold-fish.

"My son is dutiful, and my daughter-in-law feeds me excellently," he was saying, "but duty and food are not all. And if my youth has passed, on fish, is it necessary that youth should take with it all youth's prerogatives? Joy, light-heartedness, the pursuit of the intangible, the eternal dissatisfaction? Love, and love's corollaries? Say, oh fish!"

A little wind stirred the surface of the pool below him. He shivered, and turned into the house. A week later, in the hall attached to the now disused Confucian Schools, at a desk which his books shared with a tumbler of water, Tsim Sek sat moodily watching the arrival of his audience.

There was the President of the Literary Society. Tsim Sek remembered the President's visit, somewhat more than a week ago. The expected lecturer had been suddenly prevented from appearing—a first-born son, or some such complication. Tsim Sek had been asked to deputise.

The President was short and stocky, and his words were dated by his education. Then there was the Treasurer, Mang Lee, from the North and South Insurance Company, who found in the simple finances of the Literary Society a relief from the weightier calculations of his proper trade. Also some respite from his new wife.

There was a sprinkling of antique dowagers, who emerged from retirement once a fortnight to prove their revolutionary modernity. There was a background of clerks, of shopkeepers, of Government servants and the idle rich.

And there was the girl in brown, sitting beside her obvious mother. The girl's short silk jacket shone in the electric light—her short, dark skirt served but to emphasise the whiteness of her hands as they lay in her lap. Her hair, cut at the level of her neck in the High School manner, swept forward alluringly under each small ear. Her face seemed innocent of make-up, which probably meant that she had made up with uncommon skill.

"Who is the girl?" Tsim Sek whispered to the Treasurer, Mang Lee, but Mang Lee shook his head. "I do not know," he replied. "She looks as if she came from Shanghai."

"And now, ladies and gentlemen," the President began.

Tsim Sek stretched out his hand for the glass of water, his eye on the girl in brown. The glass slipped, and the contents splashed the President.

When the matter had been remedied, Tsim Sek transferred his appreciative eye to his notes. "The peculiar difficulty in understanding the English," he began, "is due not only to the difference in our manners of thought, but also to the languages in which those thoughts are expressed."

He addressed himself particularly to the girl in brown. Her eyes were fixed rapidly on him. He proceeded to explain the difference between an alphabetical language and that much more powerful tongue in which each character conveyed a single idea.

He continued. The girl in brown was still sitting with her eyes on him. His thoughts were anywhere but on the lecture. However, with the help of his notes, he succeeded in covering some thousand years of the history of English Literature in half an hour of speaking time, gave a careful selection of such other poetry as appealed to him either because of its novelty or because it approximated a little to the Chinese idea of a poem, ended with a few personal reminiscences of his visit to London, and came to a full stop as the hour expired on the clock at the far end of the hall.

There was discreet applause; the audience rose, and mingled. Someone else talked about England, but Tsim Sek listened with only half an ear. For the girl in brown had come up to the desk and was turning the pages of the Shakespeare from which he had quoted. He shook off the Treasurer, the President, and the unknown who was speaking of England.

"You are interested?" he inquired, politely.

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TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Rescue Of Rajah." (A Detective Story)

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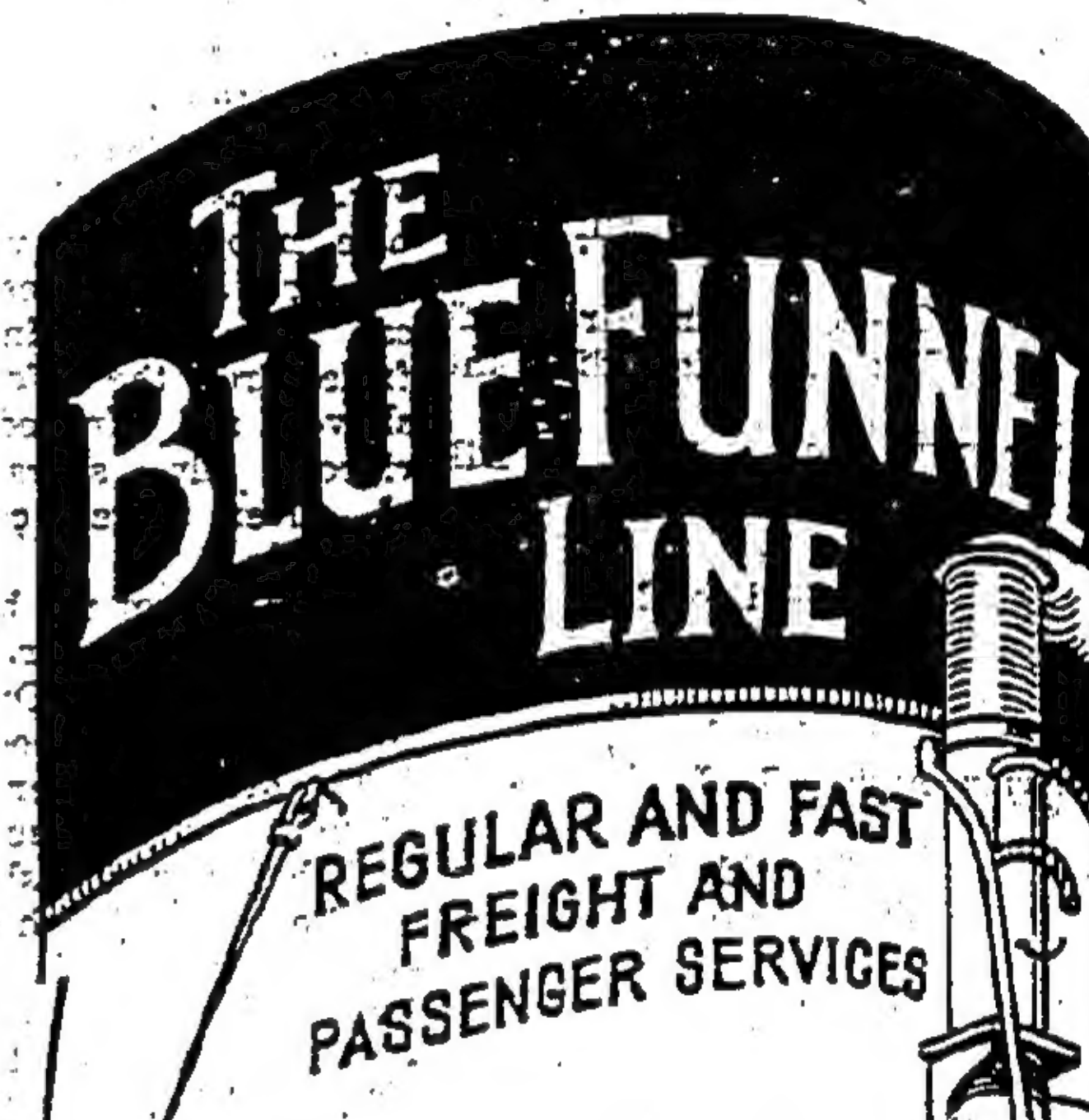
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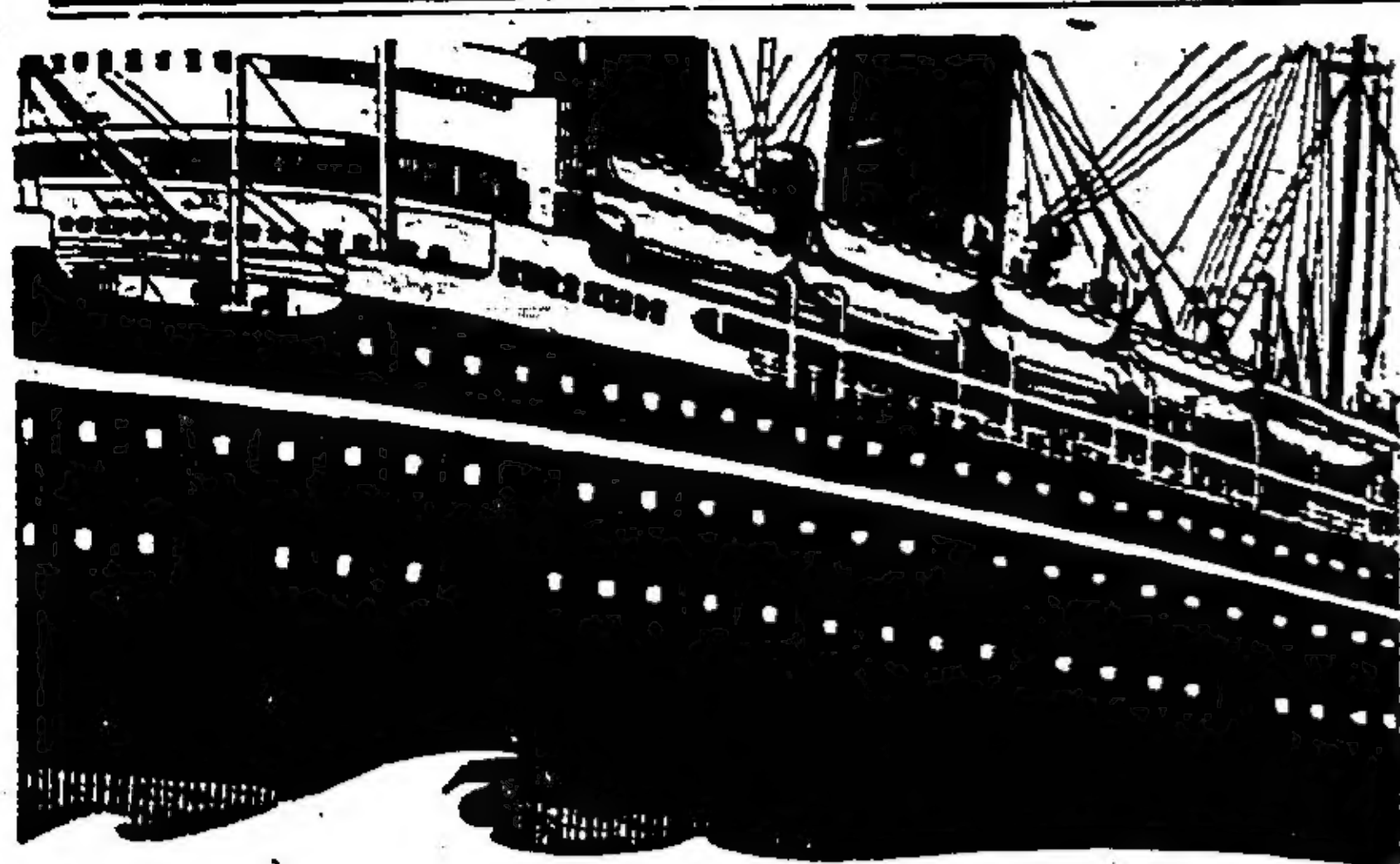
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GIRL GUIDE RALLY

ANNUAL MEETING AT KWANTI

SIR ANDREW CALDECOTT PRESENT

Through the courtesy of the President and Committee of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club the Guide Rally and Prince of Wales' Banner Competition was held on Saturday last on the Kwanti Race Course.

Thirteen Companies went by train and made quite an imposing sight as they marched from the station. Each Company made a "Home" on the Ground, after which the principal part of the Competition took place. The tests were evolved by Mrs. C. E. I. Grist, Mrs. H. Owen Hughes and Miss Brown, a Guide from England. The last two with five others formed the examining committee, to whom the warmest thanks are due. Throughout the day Mrs. S. C. Lee rendered invaluable assistance as interpreter.

Each girl carried her own lunch and this was eaten on the field about noon, followed by half an hour's compulsory rest.

Sports And Competitions
After lunch a Relay Race was run as a part of the Competition; those Guides not taking part in this played games.

A Camp-fire was lighted at 3 o'clock, by which time several friends of the Movement had arrived to take part.

Each Company then contributed an item to a varied and enjoyable programme, the items being judged as a part of the Competition.

At 3.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor arrived and was received by the Colony Commissioner, Lady Southern. During the programme Lady Southern entertained His Excellency. Vice-Presidents and friends to tea while the Guides were served with lemonade and cakes. Through the kindness of Miss Ellis every girl received a bar of chocolate to be eaten on the return journey to Kowloon. Mr. Tang Shiu-kin M.B.E., gave valuable assistance with transport.

"Gambia Lion"
At the end of the Camp-fire the examiners announced the winners of the Banner and the runners-up, there being only a half mark between them. They were the 6th Kowloon (Maryknoll Convent) and 7th Hong Kong (French Convent). His Excellency presented the trophies, after which he made a charming speech, congratulating the Guides and expressing appreciation of the great amount of work done for the Movement by Lady Southern, and called for three cheers and a "Fanling Tiger" for her.

In reply Lady Southern thanked His Excellency for coming to the Rally and for his interest in the Guide Movement and asked the Guides to show how loudly they could cheer, adding a "Gambia Lion" as a finale.

The Companies then formed up and marched back to the station having had a happy day with perfect weather.

RAIL ACCIDENT IN ITALY

Express Train Derailed

THREE KILLED AND 25 INJURED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

An appalling railway accident occurred during Wednesday night between Rome and Florence, when a fast train that left Rome shortly before midnight was derailed at 3.30 a.m. just before reaching the small station of Panicle near Perugia, owing to the axle of the locomotive breaking. The engine and luggage van and four passenger coaches left the rails, turned over and were smashed to matchwood, the two foremost carriages being telescoped. Most of the passengers were asleep at the time, three being killed instantaneously, while 25 were seriously injured. As the work of clearing away the debris could not begin until daylight, it is likely that more dead will be found under the ruins.

Several of those injured are not expected to recover. Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALY'S NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

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But it is after an advance and the occupation of new strategic positions that the real difficulty of the campaign begins. The real problem is the building and maintenance of roads for supply trains over fantastically broken country.

Northern Ethiopia is a land of rocks and dust thinly covered with camel-thorn and low scrub. Except in a few fairly fertile valleys—mere pockets in the barren mountains—and in one or two comparatively small plains, as at Makalle and in the Entisio district, where you may find an occasional sycamore, I never saw a tree that threw shade. The commonest trees are Euphorbia candelabrum, 30-feet high cacti, which raise prickly arms, tipped with red or yellow fringes of flower, to the sky.

Astonishing Contour
The contour of the country is astonishing. One would think that nature had gone mad and run amok in it. The level at which one travels will change abruptly every few miles, to continue again a thousand feet or so higher or lower.

The roads carrying supplies to the front-line positions are more or less a succession of hairpin bends hacked out of the mountain-sides, with a cliff on the one hand and a precipice on the other. Their building and maintenance would be an almost super-human work, even if the threat of the approaching rainy season were not hanging over the heads of the "logistical" service—that organisation which deals with roads, wells, transport, supplies of all kinds, and everything except the actual fighting.

The added certainty of wash-outs means building an elaborate system of water-channels, raising the roads above the levels of flat stretches, and surfacing the whole length with bitumen.

At present they are surfaced for the most part with a deep layer of dust of the consistency of fuller's earth, and after a sharp shower I had to walk beside the lorry I was travelling in, throwing rocks under the wheels to give them a grip in the mud.

On any road one continually passes groups of road-workers, whose job is to pour shovelful after shovelful of this fine dust over the side of the precipice, because most of the rock is a false granite which powders easily.

I think it improbable that even the main roads to the front will be finished before the rains; the smaller roads will certainly not be. By mid-January the road from Massawa to Decemare, the road junction near Asmara, had only just been finished—for during the 40 odd years' occupation of Eritrea the Italians had done very little there. Men are still at work on roads well inside the old frontier.

Now that communications have been stretched so far during the rapid and easy advances through the Tigre, further progress becomes increasingly difficult with every mile gained. If the Italians were using flying columns of Askaris, or conducting a punitive expedition like Napier's, the problem of supplies would not be so acute; but this is a war of occupation conducted with "steamroller" tactics. Every jump forward must be shorter than the last, every pause for consolidation a longer period.

The present increased military activities will mean that fewer Italian troops will be available for road work. Shortly after the occupation of Makalle, even Alpini, trained mountain soldiers with a great reputation in battle, were navvying it on the roads. Now that at least a division of Alpini reinforcements has arrived, perhaps mountains warfare as we understand it will be waged.

Tactics, up to date, have not been what is normally practised in mountainous country. I noticed during the advance on Makalle that heights were not picketed and none of the normal precautions were taken. Col. Mariotti ran his column straight into Degiace Cassa Sebati's trap in Enda Gorge, a trap which would have been

CO-ORDINATION OF DEFENCE

VULNERABILITY OF CAPITAL SHIPS

London, To-day.

Sir Thomas Inskip answered questions in the House of Commons for the first time yesterday as Minister for the Co-operation of Defence. He informed the House that the Prime Minister proposed to appoint a sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence to consider experiments that had taken place or were proposed in connection with defence against aircraft and the vulnerability from the air of capital ships—British Wireless Service.

SERIOUS SMASH IN QUEEN'S ROAD

Four People Injured And Car Wrecked

A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon in Queen's Road Central, when an old model Ford car suddenly swerved across the road and crashed into the verandah, pinning a man and woman against one of the pillars.

The woman, Wong Siu-cher, aged 62, had her right leg so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the Government Civil Hospital. The man also sustained injuries to both legs, but not of so serious a nature. The driver of the car, named Mo U, said to be a clerk in the Harbour Department, and a friend, Chan Kwan-yue, were also injured, the former hurting his eye and the latter being cut about the face.

The car was almost completely wrecked.

SEQUEL TO CAR COLLISION

Judgment Against Naval Officer

Judgment for plaintiff, with costs, was given by Mr. Justice J. I. Hayden, Acting Puisne Judge, in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, in the action brought by Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry, Deputy Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, claiming \$110 as damages to his car from Sub-Lieut. A. A. Mowbray, of H.M.S. Phoenix.

The claim arose out of a collision between plaintiff's car and defendant's at Magazine Gap Road, near the steps leading to the Bowen Road tram station, in the early hours of December 26 last. The defendant brought in a counter-claim of \$108.80, but this was dismissed.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Peter H. Sin was for the defendant.

sprung by adherence to accepted methods; and this though he was fully aware of the probability of attack.

I expected to find training centres for officers at the bases, but was told no such things were necessary, as all the officers commanding had had many years' colonial experience. Mariotti, I believe, had 16 years in Libya. It appears, however, that tactics in Libya are not mountain warfare tactics. There, an Italian staff officer told me, troops move at the highest possible speed in close order. It is foolish to move fast and in close order up a gorge, which may be rimmed on its heights with enemy forces.

The renewed fighting will be welcomed by the Italian troops. Their morale is still high and they have been spoiling for a real fight. The "steam-roller" tactics made necessary by the type of campaign is little to their liking.

On the part of Askaris, fighting in the future will be pitiless. A colonel in command of black Italian troops confided to me recently that his men had seen some of their comrades mutilated by the Ethiopians. "There will be no holding them now," he admitted. "They are black men, too, you know, and though they have been trained by us, they keep their natural characteristics." I think there will be very few prisoners taken by our black troops in future.

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"Very," she said in a low, cultured voice, which he instantly knew he would never forget. There was a touch of Shanghai in her accent. "It is a subject of which we know little and talk much. I have been researching at the university into the position of women in England. But I see that my mother is waiting for me. Forgive me. Your next lecture, perhaps..."

When Tsing Sek reached home, after walking as far as politeness necessitated in the company of the President, he found the front door unlatched.

"Ah, you are home!" his wife said from the inner room. "Come and tell us what you thought of your audience."

"I walked back with the President of the society," said Tsing Sek as he went into the room. "And various people delayed me..."

"This is my cousin, Mei Fa," said Tsing Sek's wife, indicating the girl in brown. "This is her mother, my aunt. They have just been telling us about your lecture. It seems that they arrived early at the station."

"Yes," said the girl. "It is not polite to arrive before the correct time, and we saw the posters advertising your lectures, as we were hesitating what to do. I did not realise at once that it was you..."

"My niece, your wife, soon informed us," the girl's mother said. "You have married an excellent publicist, Tsing Sek."

"And Tsing Wao observed from his chair in the corner, 'I hope now to hear quite a number of interesting facts about England. It seems that Mei Fa, here, has been studying the subject of the university. I am deeply interested in her views.'"

"That will be delightful," said Tsing Sek, as the girl in brown winked wickedly behind the shelter of her hand. "Doubly delightful."

Tsing Wao stood motionless, watching his gold-fish. A fly settled on the surface. The ancient monarch of the pool swam into view and moved leisurely towards the struggling insect. From the other direction a smaller, brighter fish came, snatched, gulped and

was gone. The ancient made a feeble movement of protest with his tail, then resumed his slow path round the pool.

"Perhaps you are right," Tsing Wao observed regretfully to the ancient fish. "I, who am now near the age of obedient ears, am perhaps a trifle old for these thoughts. And yet..."

Mei Fa, alone, came from the house. "Still watching your fish?" she inquired.

One learns much from watching fish," Tsing Wao answered. "There is an old fellow there who has just suffered the loss of a succulent fly, because a younger fish came and stole it under his nose. I am a little like that old fish."

She smiled. "The allegory is not perfect," she replied. "If the old fish had but informed the fly how he desired her, she would have taken care to fall on the water nearer to the old fish."

"She?" Tsing Wao murmured. Mei Fa shrugged her shoulders. "Women and flies—often prefer protection from the young and ardent. I prefer old fish, myself. They are wiser and understand better the delights of the mind."

"Possibly I was misled by my gold-fish," he answered. "I am always open to instruction." Then, after a pause: "Perhaps it is also a father's duty to protect his son. Yes. Tell me about England."

"In England," began Mei Fa, "husbands choose their own wives, and wives their husbands. I think it a good custom."

"Can good things come out of the West?" he asked.

"And it is not usual, there, for a father to live in the bosom of his son's family." That, also, is good. Now in Shanghai there is much to interest and much to do. You should see Shanghai."

"I could not go alone," he said. "It would be most unwise to go alone," Mei Fa replied. "One enjoys new experiences more if they are shared."

"I have been somewhat slow," Tsing Wao confessed, ruefully.

"That, also, is a matter which may be remedied in the future," she said demurely. "You might learn from your son."

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EVASION OF CUSTOMS

Smuggling Rampant In Canton

AUTHORITIES ON ALERT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Certain Japanese ruffians (ruffians) are implicated in rushing through foreign goods without passing them through the Maritime Customs. As soon as the identity of these smugglers is established, a protest will be made to the Japanese Consul-General.

Several Chinese firms have been approached by these professional smugglers for the delivery of goods without payment of Customs duties and special excises. The smugglers hired small boats to go alongside the steamers, from which goods were transhipped quickly before they were spotted by the tide-waiters and tax collectors.

It is alleged that some of the goods were landed at Shameen, and subsequently they were sent over to the city through West Bridge. This was done without the knowledge of the Shameen authorities.

In view of this smuggling, the Customs service and the preventive service are paying special attention to these professional "runners." They have brought in considerable rice and dried sea food "duty free."

SEA CARRIAGE OF FRUIT

Modern Ship Built In England

London, To-day.

The most modern methods of refrigeration, insulation and ventilation, specially designed for the carriage of fruit, are being installed in the steamer Matua, under construction at Hawthorn, Leslie and Co.'s shipyard at Hebburn-on-Tyne, where the vessel was launched yesterday. The Matua, which is 351 feet long, with a Sulzer direct Diesel drive to twin screws, is primarily intended for cargo traffic on the New Zealand service, but will also have accommodation for 45 saloon passengers. Its speed is 16½ knots. British Wireless Service.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

"DEBATE"

To Be Opened In House Of Commons To-day

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, announced that the foreign affairs debate to-day would be opened by Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, after which Dr. Hugh Dalton (Labour) and Sir Archibald Sinclair (Liberal) would speak.

It is expected that Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Winston Churchill, Major Attlee and Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Chancellor of the Exchequer) will also speak. Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FIGHT AGAINST RELIGION

Drastic Action In The Ukraine

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Warsaw, To-day. All the Greek Orthodox Churches, as well as both Catholic Churches, were closed yesterday by the Soviet authorities in Zhitomir in the Ukraine, according to a report in a bulletin published here by the Greek Orthodox Church.

All priests in Zhitomir have been thrown out of their official dwellings, while in another town in the region of Novgorod both Catholic priests were arrested and sentenced to banishment. —Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has weakened considerably and has commenced to move eastward; pressure is now highest over the Lower Yangtze Valley. The depression is situated to the east of Hokkaido, and has become considerably deeper. North-east winds, fresh; cloudy, some

ELECTIONS IN GERMANY

Sailors Record The First Vote

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Bremen, To-day.

The polling for the Reichstag elections began yesterday in Bremerhaven, when the greatest part of the crew of the liners Bremen and Potsdam attended a meeting in the Columbus Hall, afterwards marching in rank and file to the polling booth, where they cast their votes. For those on duty and unable to leave the ship for any considerable length of time, a polling booth was sent temporarily to a restaurant on the Columbus Quay.

In accordance with the German electoral law, a seaman can be given the opportunity to cast his vote one week previous to the actual elections and one week following the actual elections, and since Monday the polling booth has been open day and night for the benefit of the crews who will be on the high seas on March 29. —Trans-Ocean Service.

PROPAGANDA BY COMMUNISTS

Austrian Notes With Party Emblems

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

Many citizens of Vienna were more than surprised to find themselves in possession of 100 Schilling notes bearing the Communist Party emblem during the past few weeks.

This is, however, not due to a sudden sympathy of the Government for Communist ideas, but to the Communists having adopted this idea as propaganda.

The Austrian 100 Schilling note bears a woman's head with a star above it, and the Communists have in many cases changed this into the Soviet Star, adding the letters "R.F." standing for "Red Front."

The Post Office and other Government offices refuse to accept notes mutilated in this manner, and the unlucky bearer must obtain a valid note in exchange at the National Bank, but only receives this on payment of the cost for printing a new note.

Should the number of Communist notes increase, the National Bank will decline to exchange them, a course of action to which it would be entitled. —Trans-Ocean Service.

STUDENT RIOTS AT FUHTAN U.

(Continued from Page 1)

GRAVE SITUATION. Earlier messages stated that work had been at a standstill all Tuesday at the Fuh-tan University. The students attempted to march to the civic centre to demand the release of the eight arrested comrades, but were prevented by the police who were then blocking the University buildings.

Minor clashes occurred. A few students who escaped the blockade were reported to have attempted to excite other Universities to a sympathetic strike.

All the roads on the way to the University were barricaded with barbed wire and manned by police carrying drawn revolvers, who were refusing to let any one pass either to enter or leave.

POLICEMEN INJURED

A group of students from Fuh-tan University armed with bottles, bricks and clubs attempted a sortie from Fuh-tan on Tuesday evening. They were driven back by the police, upon which an unidentified student opened fire with a pistol, wounding two policemen in the legs, who were sent to hospital.

Captain Li Pei-wu, in command of the detachment of police, was struck on the head with a brickbat, and seriously injured. The police throughout acted in a most restrained manner. There were no arrests, since the original eight students already mentioned were arrested.

Last evening the situation was quiet and the police would to-day conduct a search in all the University buildings for firearms.

drizzle, was the forecast for today as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

LINKING HANKOW AND KOWLOON

Through Railway Traffic

SINO-BRITISH ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. According to a Chinese cable dispatch from Shanghai, Sino-British economic co-operation is possible by through railway traffic from Hankow to Kowloon. This is stated to be the suggestion of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, economic expert attached to the British Treasury, when he was recently visited by Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance.

While confirmation of this report is not available, it is understood that the Central Authorities are in favour of this scheme. The reason is that such through traffic will enable goods to reach the sea via a British port and to be imported in the same way. In time of emergency, such facilities would be indispensable to China.

Apart from military reasons, it is economical and convenient to export and import goods through this railway direct to Kowloon. The local authorities will not object if suitable compensation is given.

The South-west Political Council here has decided that the terminus of this line be located at Canton instead of Hankow or Hangchow in Hunan. Legal power to decide this rests with the Ministry of Railways, but being semi-independent Canton decides many things for itself.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND RUSSIA

No Arrangement As To Aerodromes

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary stated at question time in the House of Commons yesterday that the Czechoslovak Government had given the British Minister at Prague a categorical assurance that no arrangement existed between Russia and Czechoslovakia, for use by the former country of aerodromes in the territory of the latter for military purposes. —British Wireless Service.

LOCAL PRISONER'S DEATH

Natural Causes Verdict

Death from natural causes was the verdict returned at the enquiry held at the Central Magistracy this morning into the death of Wong Tai-tau, a prisoner at the Victoria Gaol, who died early this morning.

Mr. S. F. Balfour was the coroner and the jury was composed of Messrs. W. J. Iles (foreman), W. E. Dennison and H. F. Jason.

H. Barret, chief warder, said the deceased prisoner was on April 23, last year, admitted to the Victoria Gaol to serve 18 months' hard labour, to which he was sentenced at the April sessions of that year. On May 5, he was transferred to Lai Chi-kok but was retransferred a few days later. He was admitted to the hospital on January 20 and died this morning. Later in the presence of Dr. Shaw he identified the body.

Dr. G. I. Shaw, medical officer of the prison, stated that he first saw the deceased on April 30 after admission to prison and found his condition fair. He was admitted to the hospital on January 20 this year suffering from tuberculosis and died this morning.

A post-mortem was held this morning and the cause of the death was found to be chiefly due to tuberculosis and secondly, to tuberculosis enteritis.

M. VENIZELIS' FUNERAL

Athens, To-day.—The funeral of the late statesman, M. Venizelos, will take place in Crete next Sunday. According to the newspaper *Vradyni*, a representative of the King as well as of the acting Premier, M. Metaxas, will take part. —Trans-Ocean Service.

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